

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**JUNE 30, 2017**

# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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## Independent Auditor's Report

The Board of Trustees  
University of South Carolina  
Columbia, South Carolina

### Report on Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and the aggregate discretely presented component units of the University of South Carolina (the University), a component unit of the State of South Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the University's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the South Carolina Research Foundation; the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Educational Trust; the University of South Carolina Educational Foundation; the University of South Carolina Business Partnership Foundation; the Greater University of South Carolina Alumni Association; the USC Upstate Foundation; the USC Upstate Capital Development Foundation; and the Educational Foundation of the University of South Carolina - Lancaster, which represent approximately 75 percent, 93 percent, and 89 percent, respectively, of the assets, net position/assets, and revenues of the University's aggregate discretely presented component units. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the University are based solely on the reports of the other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. The financial statements of the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Educational Trust; the Beaufort-Jasper Higher Education Commission; the University of South Carolina Development Foundation; the University of South Carolina Educational Foundation; the University of South Carolina Business Partnership Foundation; the Greater University of South Carolina Alumni Association; the USC Upstate Foundation; the USC Upstate Capital Development Foundation; and the Educational Foundation of the University of South Carolina - Lancaster were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Opinions**

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities, and the aggregate discretely presented component units of the University as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Schedule of the University's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, and the Schedule of the University's Contributions, as listed in the Table of Contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We and other auditors have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 29, 2017, on our consideration of the University's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the University's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elliott Davis Decosimo, LLC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Columbia, South Carolina  
September 29, 2017

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**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
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**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

Management's Discussion and Analysis provides an overview and analysis of the University of South Carolina's (the University) financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, with comparative information for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. This information should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and accompanying footnotes that follow this section. Condensed fiscal year 2017 and 2016 operations and financial position data will be presented in this section in order to illustrate certain increases and decreases. However, the emphasis of discussions about these statements will be on current year data. In addition, this discussion will focus on operations and financial position of the primary institution, the University. This discussion will not include the discretely presented component units, the South Carolina Research Foundation, the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Educational Trust, the Beaufort-Jasper Higher Education Commission, the University of South Carolina Development Foundation, Educational Foundation, Business Partnership Foundation, Alumni Association, the Upstate Foundation, the Upstate Capital Development Foundation, and the Educational Foundation of the University of South Carolina - Lancaster.

This report includes a series of financial statements, prepared in accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification Sections 2100-2900, *Financial Reporting*, and Co5, *Colleges and Universities*. The financial statements presented focus on the financial condition of the University, the results of operations, and cash flows of the University as a whole.

There are three financial statements presented: the Statement of Net Position; the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position; and the Statement of Cash Flows. These statements present financial information in a format similar to that used by private corporations. The University's net position is one indicator of the improvement or erosion of the University's financial health when considered with non-financial facts such as enrollment levels and the condition of the facilities.

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

The Statement of Net Position presents the assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows, and net position of the University as of the end of the fiscal year. The purpose of the Statement of Net Position is to present to the readers of the financial statements a fiscal snapshot of the University. The Statement of Net Position presents end-of-year data concerning the following:

- Assets - Property that we own and what we are owed by others.
- Deferred Outflows of Resources – Consumption of net position that is applicable to a future reporting period.
- Liabilities - What we owe to others and have collected from others before we have provided the service.
- Deferred Inflows of Resources - Acquisition of net position that is applicable to a future reporting period.
- Net Position - The difference between (a) assets and deferred outflows of resources and (b) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources.

The Statement of Net Position is prepared under the accrual basis of accounting, where revenues and assets are recognized when the service is provided and expenses and liabilities are recognized when others provide the service to us, regardless of when cash is exchanged.

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From the data presented, readers of the Statement of Net Position are able to determine the assets available to continue the operations of the institution. They are also able to determine how much the institution owes vendors, investors, and lending institutions. Finally, the Statement of Net Position provides a picture of the net position and its availability for expenditure by the institution. Net position is divided into the following three major categories:

- Net investment in capital assets - Provides the institution's equity in property, plant, and equipment owned by the institution.
- Restricted net position -
  - a. Nonexpendable restricted net position consists solely of the University's permanent endowment funds and is only available for investment purposes.
  - b. Expendable restricted net position is available for expenditure by the institution but must be spent for purposes as determined by donors and/or external entities that have placed time or purpose restrictions on the use of the assets.
- Unrestricted net position – Represents resources available to the institution for any lawful purpose of the institution.

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**Summary of Net Position**

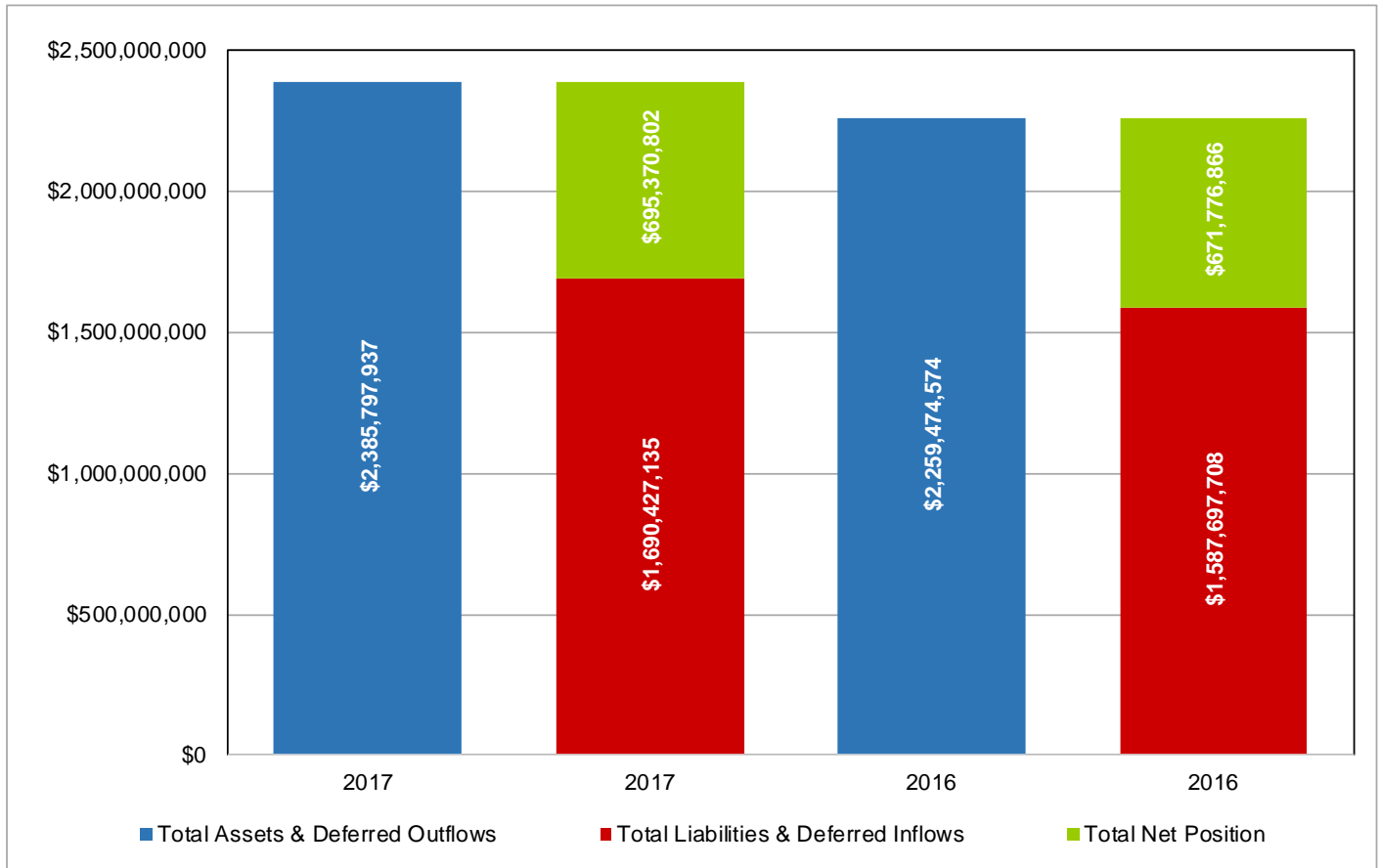
	2017	2016	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent Change
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current assets	\$ 756,773,660	\$ 721,032,902	\$ 35,740,758	4.96%
Capital assets, net	1,366,002,843	1,355,112,682	10,890,161	0.80%
Other noncurrent assets	116,397,780	114,689,420	1,708,360	1.49%
Total assets	<u>2,239,174,283</u>	<u>2,190,835,004</u>	<u>48,339,279</u>	2.21%
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Deferred loss on debt refunding	13,414,325	4,967,133	8,447,192	170.06%
Deferred outflows related to net pension liability	133,209,329	63,672,437	69,536,892	109.21%
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>146,623,654</u>	<u>68,639,570</u>	<u>77,984,084</u>	113.61%
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Current liabilities	161,222,726	166,069,725	(4,846,999)	-2.92%
Noncurrent liabilities	1,524,499,230	1,418,492,320	106,006,910	7.47%
Total liabilities	<u>1,685,721,956</u>	<u>1,584,562,045</u>	<u>101,159,911</u>	6.38%
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Deferred inflows related to net pension liability	4,705,179	3,135,663	1,569,516	50.05%
<b>NET POSITION</b>				
Net investment in capital assets	776,824,984	757,731,120	19,093,864	2.52%
Restricted - nonexpendable	84,983,794	82,788,474	2,195,320	2.65%
Restricted - expendable	132,299,730	140,035,905	(7,736,175)	-5.52%
Unrestricted	(298,737,706)	(308,778,633)	10,040,927	-3.25%
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<u>\$ 695,370,802</u>	<u>\$ 671,776,866</u>	<u>\$ 23,593,936</u>	3.51%

- Total assets of the University increased by \$48.3 million due to increases in cash and restricted cash of \$38.5 million. These increases occurred as a result of bond proceeds for athletic facility projects and increases in tuition and fee revenues. In addition, capital assets increased \$10.9 million as a result of the completed construction of the new School of Law and athletic facility projects. (See Note 4 – Capital Assets)
- Deferred outflows of resources consist of:
  - The unamortized loss on debt refunding. See Note 1, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, for more information.
  - The University's contributions after the measurement date and differences between the actual and expected experience in relation to the net pension liability recorded for the University's proportionate share of the State of South Carolina's SCRS and PORS net pension liability, related to GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. See Note 5, Pension Plans, for more information.
- The increase in noncurrent liabilities of \$106 million is attributable to a \$95.6 million increase in net pension liability. Pension investments earned less than expected during the fiscal year resulting in negative cash flows due to investment earnings not being substantial enough to offset plan costs and benefit payments. See Note 1, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, for more information. Also, there was an increase in noncurrent bonds payable of \$23.8 million due to the issuance of athletic revenue bonds. In addition there was a decrease in current and noncurrent liabilities of \$4.5 million and \$9.9 million respectively as a result of the sale of the Horizon and Discovery garages to the USC Development Foundation. For more detailed information on capital leases and bonds payable (including savings achieved through bond refunding) please refer to Note 8 – Lease Obligations and Note 9 – Bonds and Notes Payable.



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**Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Net Position**



The net position of the University increased during the year by \$23.6 million. The increase is driven by the following:

- \$19.1 million increase in net investment in capital assets – Net investment in capital assets shows the difference between capital assets and the outstanding debt incurred to finance those capital assets. Not all long-term debt may be deducted from capital assets; only the debt issued to finance the University's capital assets is subtracted. Long-term debt associated with unspent bond proceeds is subtracted from the restricted capital project component of net position. Net investment in capital assets increased due to the start-up and completion of various capital projects, including several athletic facility projects, construction of the new School of Law, academic building renovations and continued upgrades to campus technology systems.
- \$7.7 million decrease in expendable restricted - Expendable restricted net position represents resources that are constrained to a particular purpose by externally imposed stipulations. These constraints may be derived from the donor of the resources or from an external entity. Also, restrictions can be imposed as a result of enabling legislation. The majority of the decrease in expendable restricted net position is attributed to the completion of the School of Law building.

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- \$10.0 million increase in unrestricted net position - Unrestricted net position results from accumulated excesses of revenues over expenses derived from University operations. The University's unrestricted current funds are derived from state appropriations, student fees, institutional revenue and auxiliary operations that are not restricted for specific purposes. Unrestricted net position includes balances from operation of education and general activities, auxiliary enterprises, quasi-endowments and unexpended plant funds. Although unrestricted net position is not subject to externally imposed stipulations, most of these resources have been committed for specific University activities including academic and research programs, capital projects and significant upgrades to the campus technology network.

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position presents the revenues earned and expenses incurred during the year. Activities are reported as either operating or nonoperating. A public university's dependency on state aid and gifts will result in operating deficits. GASB requires state appropriations and gifts to be classified as nonoperating revenues. The utilization of long-lived assets, referred to as capital assets, is reflected in the financial statements as depreciation, which amortizes the cost of an asset over its expected useful life.

Changes in net position as presented on the Statement of Net Position are based on the activity presented in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. The purpose of the statement is to present the revenues received by the institution, both operating and nonoperating, and the expenses paid by the institution, operating and nonoperating, and any other revenues, expenses, gains and losses received or spent by the institution.

Operating revenues are received for providing goods and services to the various customers and constituencies of the institution. Operating expenses are those expenses paid to acquire or produce the goods and services provided in return for the operating revenues, and to carry out the mission of the institution. Nonoperating revenues are revenues received for which goods and services are not provided. State capital appropriations and capital grants and gifts are considered neither operating nor nonoperating revenues.

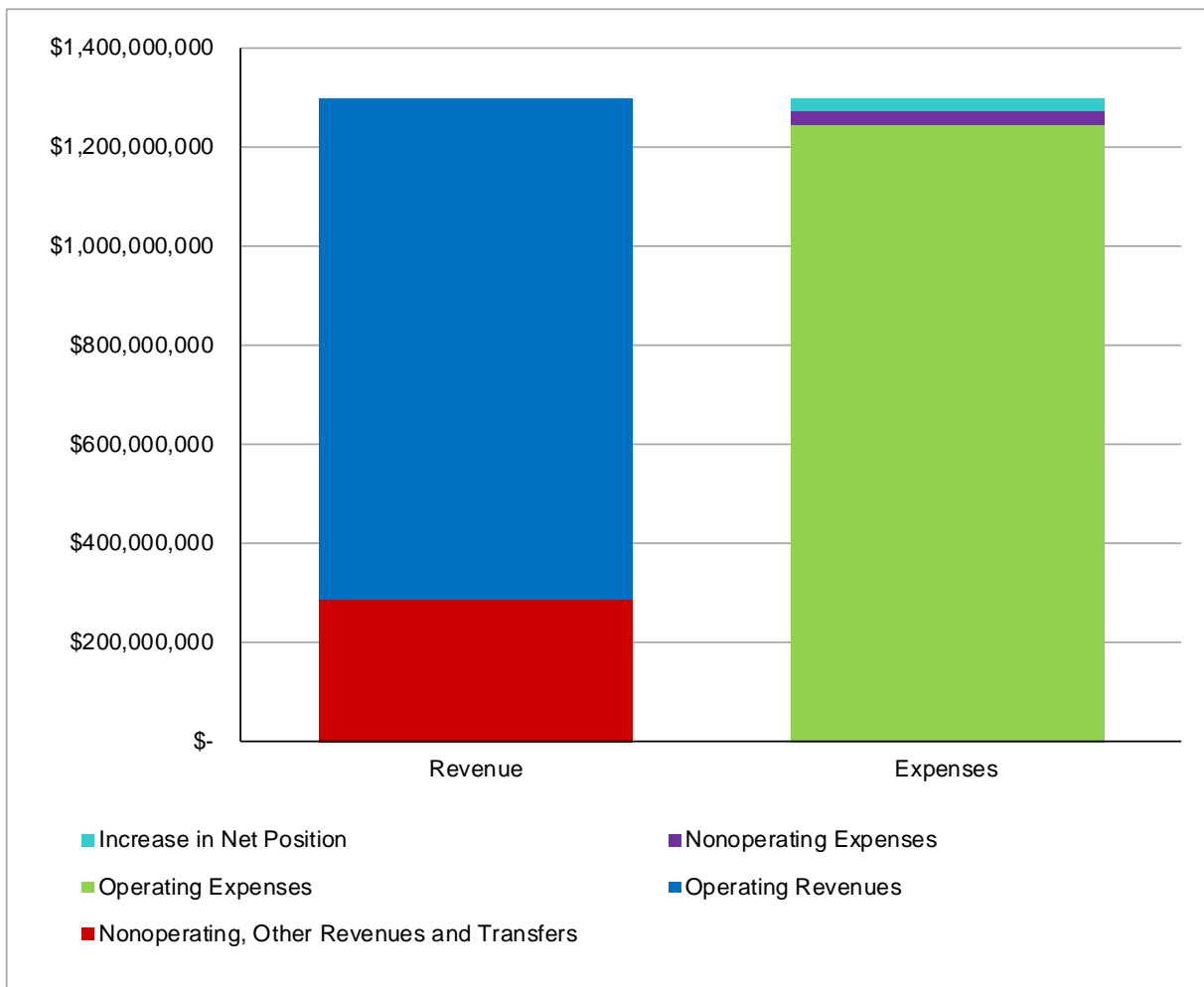
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**Summary of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>				
Student tuition and fees	\$ 815,000,297	\$ 760,901,254	\$ 54,099,043	7.11%
Less: scholarship discounts and allowances	(294,096,093)	(279,132,906)	(14,963,187)	5.36%
Federal grants and contracts	107,649,007	136,661,493	(29,012,486)	-21.23%
State grants and contracts	123,775,411	93,078,830	30,696,581	32.98%
Local grants and contracts	1,278,422	1,364,875	(86,453)	-6.33%
Nongovernmental grants and contracts	39,517,612	32,853,784	6,663,828	20.28%
Sales and services of educational and other activities	33,535,238	32,837,349	697,889	2.13%
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises	171,208,527	164,992,359	6,216,168	3.77%
Less: scholarship discounts and allowances	(3,081,990)	(3,849,239)	767,249	-19.93%
Interest collected on student loans	271,261	295,151	(23,890)	-8.09%
Other fees	10,945,682	9,777,698	1,167,984	11.95%
Other operating revenues	2,465,479	5,239,593	(2,774,114)	-52.95%
Total operating revenues	<u>1,008,468,853</u>	<u>955,020,241</u>	<u>53,448,612</u>	5.60%
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES</b>				
State appropriations	158,734,432	149,059,413	9,675,019	6.49%
Federal grants	50,126,984	52,292,875	(2,165,891)	-4.14%
Gifts	53,891,117	42,159,690	11,731,427	27.83%
Investment income	2,532,748	3,640,446	(1,107,698)	-30.43%
Endowment income	2,896,894	6,862,342	(3,965,448)	-57.79%
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>268,182,175</u>	<u>254,014,766</u>	<u>14,167,409</u>	5.58%
Total revenues	<u>1,276,651,028</u>	<u>1,209,035,007</u>	<u>67,616,021</u>	5.59%
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Salaries and wages	603,065,671	579,493,826	23,571,845	4.07%
Fringe benefits	217,352,087	191,428,138	25,923,949	13.54%
Services and supplies	292,964,888	278,640,688	14,324,200	5.14%
Utilities	34,714,712	34,526,183	188,529	0.55%
Scholarships and fellowships	28,177,473	21,756,291	6,421,182	29.51%
Depreciation expense	65,472,872	60,565,961	4,906,911	8.10%
Total operating expenses	<u>1,241,747,703</u>	<u>1,166,411,087</u>	<u>75,336,616</u>	6.46%
<b>NONOPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Loss on disposal of capital assets	12,488,694	135,725	12,352,969	9101.45%
Interest on capital asset related debt	18,691,120	23,880,576	(5,189,456)	-21.73%
Total nonoperating expenses	<u>31,179,814</u>	<u>24,016,301</u>	<u>7,163,513</u>	29.83%
Total expenses	<u>1,272,927,517</u>	<u>1,190,427,388</u>	<u>82,500,129</u>	6.93%
Other revenues	<u>19,870,425</u>	<u>27,508,461</u>	<u>(7,638,036)</u>	-27.77%
Change in net position	<u>23,593,936</u>	<u>46,116,080</u>	<u>(22,522,144)</u>	-48.84%
Net position, beginning of year	<u>671,776,866</u>	<u>625,660,786</u>	<u>46,116,080</u>	7.37%
<b>NET POSITION, END OF YEAR</b>	<u><b>\$ 695,370,802</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 671,776,866</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 23,593,936</b></u>	<b>3.51%</b>

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**Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position**  
**For the year ended June 30, 2017**



The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position reflects a positive year with an increase in net position at the end of the year. Some highlights of the information presented on this summary are as follows:

- Operating revenues increased \$53.5 million due to a net \$39.1 million increase in student tuition and fees, a net \$8.3 million increase in contract and grant revenues and a \$7.0 million increase in sales and services of auxiliary enterprises, net of the scholarship discounts and allowances.
  - Student tuition and fee revenue, net of the scholarship discounts and allowances, increased by \$39.1 million primarily due to a 3.25% tuition increase for USC Columbia campus and across the system campuses. Additionally, student demand for enrollment at the Columbia campus continued with increases in headcount and FTE enrollments. For Columbia, the combined tuition and enrollment increase accounted for the majority of the fiscal year 2017 change.
  - Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises are driven by increases in Southeastern Conference (SEC) revenues for the ESPN/SEC television network, postseason athletic revenues due to successful men's and women's basketball seasons, and athletic corporate sponsorships.
  - Nongovernmental contracts and grants increased due to grants from Boeing and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

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- The increase in State grants and contracts is offset by the decrease in Federal grants and contracts. This is due to a reporting change which resulted in a \$27.5 million reclassification to more precisely account for "fee for service" contracts which had been previously identified as federal grants but were actually contracts with other state agencies.
- Nonoperating revenues increased by \$14.2 million due to increases in state appropriation revenue and gift revenue. Gift revenues increased \$11.7 million as a result of increased donations from the USC Educational Foundation for scholarships and athletics. State appropriation revenue increased \$9.7 million as a result of increased recurring legislative appropriations.
- Operating expenses increased \$75.3 million, or 6.46 percent over the prior year. The majority of the increase, approximately \$49.5 million, is due to a 3.25% cost of living adjustment, increase in personnel and fringe benefits from additional faculty and staff to serve the increased student enrollment, as well as increases in retirement contribution and employer health insurance, and a \$27.6 million adjustment to fringe benefits due to the changes related to net pension liability. Services and supplies increased \$14.3 million due to inflationary and enrollment increases, on-going upgrades to campus technology systems, and athletic expenses due to extended postseason competition. Depreciation expense increased \$4.9 million due to addition of new capital assets including completion of the new School of Law.

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

The final statement presented is the Statement of Cash Flows. The Statement of Cash Flows presents detailed information about the cash activity of the institution during the year. The statement is divided into the following five parts.

- Operating Activities - the net cash provided by (used for) the operating activities of the institution.
- Noncapital Financing Activities - the cash received and spent for nonoperating, noninvesting, and noncapital financing purposes.
- Capital and Related Financing Activities - the cash used for the acquisition and construction of capital and related items.
- Investing Activities - the purchases, proceeds, and interest received from investing activities.
- Reconciliation - reconciles the net cash provided by (used for) to the operating income (loss) reflected on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position.

**CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

During the year, various projects on the Columbia campus were in progress including the School of Law, Rutledge College renovations (both of which were completed and capitalized), the Student Health Center (which was substantially complete at fiscal year-end and subsequently capitalized), and several projects addressing deferred maintenance. The Athletics department also had several projects in progress including the Football Operations Building.

The University's indebtedness consists of bonds payable of \$647 million and notes payable of \$144,674. During the current year, \$40.3 million in Athletic Revenue bonds were issued to fund the indoor athletic practice facility building, and \$22.4 million in Athletic Revenue Refunding bonds and \$67.8 million in General Revenue Refunding bonds were issued to achieve interest savings.

For more detailed information on capital asset and debt activity please refer to Note 4 – Capital Assets and Note 9 – Bonds and Notes Payable in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

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**ECONOMIC OUTLOOK**

The economic position of the University is loosely tied to that of the State of South Carolina (the State) as evidenced by the University's sustained strong financial performance despite significant reductions in state appropriations following the Great Recession for the period 2008 through 2012. The University system received additional recurring state funding to begin the 2018 fiscal year to support a portion of state employee pay increases, retirement contribution and health insurance increases. Additional Education and General funding was provided to all University system campuses to support academic initiatives. Total new operating funding is approximately \$3 million and fringe benefit funding of \$2 million was provided.

The State finished the 2017 fiscal year on a positive note with full funding of the State's Rainy Day Fund at 5% of the prior year's General Fund Revenues and also fully funded the Capital Reserve Account at 2% of the prior year's General Fund Revenues. The State slightly missed the total increased revenue projection and surplus allocations were reduced. These did not directly impact the University. The University did not receive any non-recurring state capital funding for projects for the 2018 fiscal year. The State of South Carolina has not advanced a capital bond bill for higher education since 1999-2000, but continues to make an effort to provide some funding for physical plant needs as dollars become available.

The University's overall financial position remains strong. The University relies on tuition and fees to support the general operating budget and is aware of State funding support when tuition and fees are set each spring. For the 2018 year, the University of South Carolina's tuition increase was 3.46% marking the seventh year of tuition increases below 4%. Tuition increases for the 2018 year are above the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) but will not cover the full impact of all inflationary needs and new initiatives. Resident undergraduate tuitions for two other public institutions in the State exceed the tuition rate for the USC Columbia campus. System campus' tuitions are comparable with similar institutions in the State.

Demand for enrollment and interest in the University remains strong with more than 25,000 applications received, and a freshman class enrolled at the USC Columbia campus for Fall 2017 of 5,864 students. Preliminary data indicates that this entering class is also the most academically talented in the University's history with an average SAT score of 1254 and an average ACT score of 27.3.

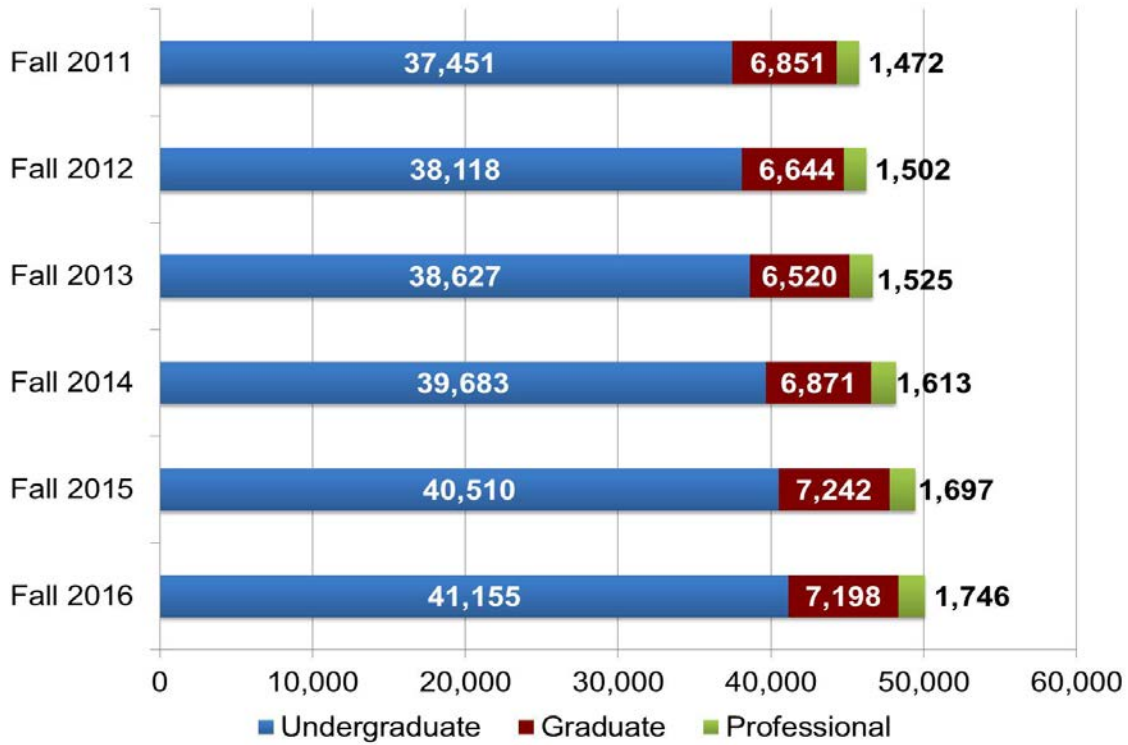
The University continues to cultivate both student quality and access through innovative programs such as the Gamecock Gateway. The Gamecock Gateway is a program designed as a bridge to enrollment at the University. This one-year residential program is offered by invitation only to students who begin their course work at a local technical college and have access to University programs before transferring in their second year. For the Fall 2017 semester 440 new students are enrolled and more than 1,850 students have been served by the program since its inception. The Gamecock Guarantee program provides access to the lowest income South Carolinians and has served 1,098 students since it began in 2008. The average freshman family income of program participants is \$19,925 and gift aid is more than 95%. These students retain and graduate at a higher rate than the total undergraduate population.

University of South Carolina students from the state are eligible for tuition assistance based on entrance exams, rank in class and GPA. The state funding commitment for merit scholarships remains strong with funding from the South Carolina Education Lottery. Students at the USC campuses annually receive more than \$85 million across the different scholarship programs. Additionally, funding from lottery proceeds supports technology needs at the system comprehensive and Palmetto College campuses.

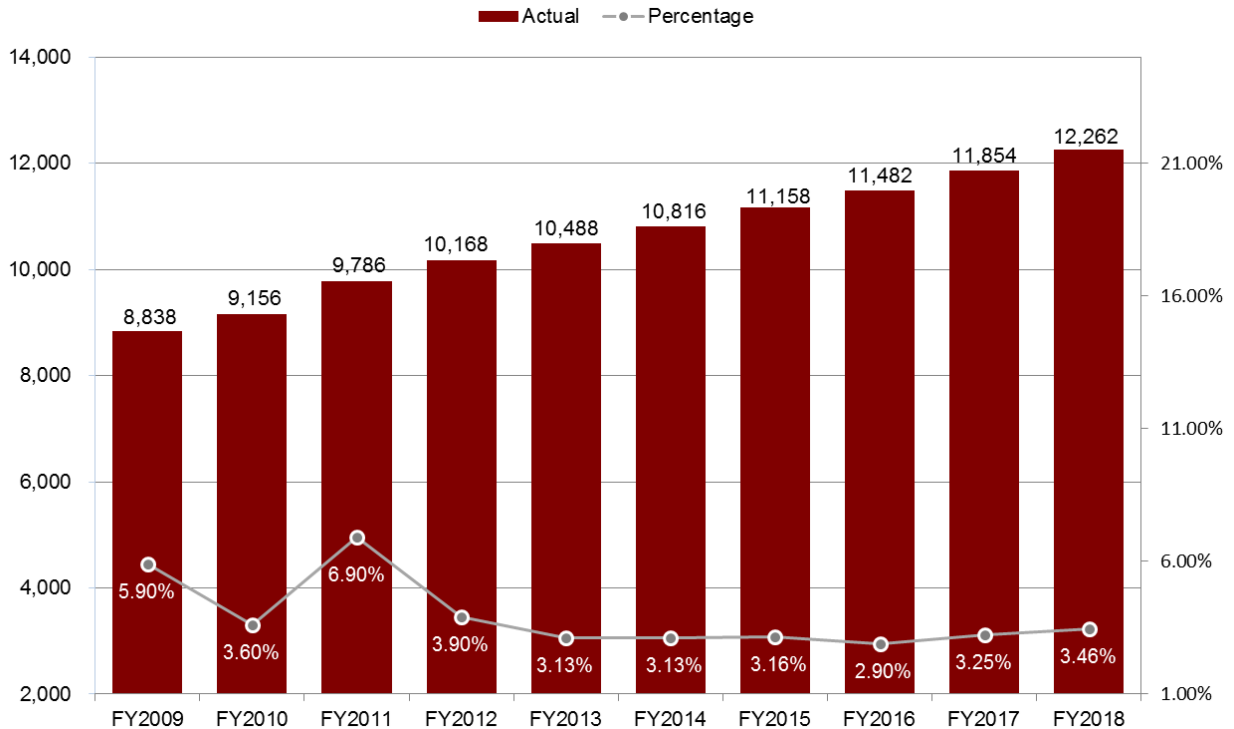
University fundraising surpassed \$130 million for 2017 which marks the tenth consecutive year the University has raised more than \$100 million in private support. Research grant awards were \$254 million in the 2017 fiscal year, a \$4 million increase over the prior year. For the second year, USC hospital partners with Greenville Hospital Systems, Palmetto Health Systems, and the Veterans Administration led the increases in external funding. In conjunction with the University Foundations, the University's endowment increased to \$770 million, a 17% increase over the prior year. The University has been recognized by the National Academy of Inventors as being in the top 1 percent of patent producing universities in the world. In late June 2017 the University and Siemens announced a \$600 million investment in the USC Siemens Digital Factory Innovation lab. USC had another successful year creating and growing partnerships that drive the knowledge economy of South Carolina.

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
**(Unaudited)**

**USC System Headcount Enrollment**



**USC Columbia Resident Undergraduate Tuition & Required Fees**



**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**As of June 30, 2017**

**ASSETS**

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 472,910,757
Restricted - cash and cash equivalents	200,229,309
Accounts receivable, net	72,777,674
Student loans receivable, current	4,963
Inventories	2,169,041
Prepaid items	754,852
Funds due from others	<u>7,927,064</u>
Total current assets	<u>756,773,660</u>

Noncurrent assets:

Restricted - cash and cash equivalents	89,366,138
Investments	5,441,087
Prepaid items	1,900,000
Restricted - federal student loans receivable	16,722,749
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	1,366,002,843
Other assets	<u>2,967,806</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>1,482,400,623</u>
Total assets	<u>2,239,174,283</u>

**DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Deferred loss on debt refunding	13,414,325
Deferred outflows related to net pension liability	<u>133,209,329</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>146,623,654</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable	17,528,159
Retainage payable - current portion	2,363,433
Accrued interest payable	4,765,968
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	18,872,290
Accrued compensated absences - current portion	22,130,787
Capital lease obligations - current portion	185,194
Bonds and notes payable - current portion	29,679,106
Unearned revenues	52,619,353
Deposits	3,116,201
Other liabilities	563,656
Funds held for others	<u>9,398,579</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>161,222,726</u>

Noncurrent liabilities:

Accrued compensated absences	10,414,488
Federal loan liability	16,617,599
Capital lease obligations	210,500
Bonds and notes payable	617,511,123
Net pension liability	<u>879,745,520</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>1,524,499,230</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,685,721,956</u>

**DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Deferred inflows related to net pension liability	<u>4,705,179</u>
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**NET POSITION**

Net investment in capital assets	776,824,984
Restricted for:	
Nonexpendable	84,983,794
Expendable	
Scholarships, research, instruction, and other	42,621,038
Loans	2,780,479
Capital projects	77,510,864
Debt service	9,387,349
Unrestricted	<u>(298,737,706)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 695,370,802</u>



**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position**  
**For the year ended June 30, 2017**

**OPERATING REVENUES**

Student tuition and fees (\$34,030,985 pledged for bonds)	\$ 815,000,297
Less: scholarship discounts and allowances	(294,096,093)
Federal grants and contracts	107,649,007
State grants and contracts	123,775,411
Local grants and contracts	1,278,422
Nongovernmental grants and contracts	39,517,612
Sales and services of educational and other activities	33,535,238
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises (\$26,559,298 pledged for bonds)	171,208,527
Less: scholarship discounts and allowances	(3,081,990)
Interest collected on student loans	271,261
Other fees (\$3,831,578 pledged for bonds)	10,945,682
Other operating revenues	<u>2,465,479</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>1,008,468,853</u>

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

Salaries and wages	603,065,671
Fringe benefits	217,352,087
Services and supplies	292,964,888
Utilities	34,714,712
Scholarships and fellowships	28,177,473
Depreciation expense	<u>65,472,872</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>1,241,747,703</u>
Operating loss	<u>(233,278,850)</u>

**NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)**

State appropriations	158,734,432
Federal grants	50,126,984
Gifts	53,891,117
Investment income	2,532,748
Endowment income	2,896,894
Loss on disposal of capital assets	(12,488,694)
Interest on capital asset related debt	<u>(18,691,120)</u>
Net nonoperating revenues	<u>237,002,361</u>
Income before other revenues	3,723,511
State capital appropriations	3,153,090
Capital grants and gifts	14,717,335
Additions to permanent endowments	<u>2,000,000</u>
Change in net position	<u>23,593,936</u>
<b>NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>671,776,866</u>
<b>NET POSITION, END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$ 695,370,802</u></u>

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the year ended June 30, 2017**

**OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Student tuition and fees	\$ 517,674,155
Research grants and contracts	276,209,074
Sales and services of educational and other activities	33,249,037
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises	164,244,977
Student loans disbursed	(2,608,656)
Student loans collected	2,712,228
Interest collected on student loans	271,262
Inflows from federal direct student loans	306,282,179
Outflows from federal direct student loans	(301,383,725)
Payments to employees for services	(605,137,724)
Payments to employees for benefits	(190,189,173)
Payments to suppliers	(330,275,549)
Payments to students for scholarships and fellowships	(29,179,581)
Other receipts	15,006,556
Inflows from agency funds	74,068,110
Outflows from agency funds	<u>(74,381,093)</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>(143,437,923)</u>

**NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

State appropriations	158,734,432
Federal grants	50,126,984
Gifts	54,177,058
Additions to permanent endowments	2,000,000
Federal loan liability	<u>(472,440)</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>264,566,034</u>

**CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Proceeds from capital debt	153,467,458
State capital appropriations	3,153,090
Capital grants and gifts	8,785,485
Purchase and construction of capital assets	(92,953,966)
Principal paid on capital asset related debt	(125,099,073)
Interest paid on capital asset related debt	<u>(34,651,267)</u>
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	<u>(87,298,273)</u>

**INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

Investment income	2,250,660
Endowment income	<u>2,575,253</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>4,825,913</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	<u>38,655,751</u>

**Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year**

723,850,453

**Cash and cash equivalents, end of year**

**\$ 762,506,204**

**Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 472,910,757
Restricted - cash and cash equivalents, current	200,229,309
Restricted - cash and cash equivalents, noncurrent	<u>89,366,138</u>
	<u><b>\$ 762,506,204</b></u>

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the year ended June 30, 2017**

**Reconciliation of net operating loss to net cash  
used by operating activities**

Operating loss	\$ (233,278,850)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:	
Depreciation expense	65,472,872
Accrued benefits related to net pension liability	27,633,701
Student loans cancelled	182,516
Change in current assets and liabilities:	
Accounts receivable, net	(843,204)
Student loans receivable	103,571
Inventories	539,654
Prepaid items	1,777,011
Accounts payable	(3,752,986)
Retainage payable - noncapital	(1,342,142)
Accrued payroll	756,160
Accrued benefits	(470,787)
Accrued compensated absences	(2,821,496)
Unearned revenues	(2,387,579)
Deposits	435,848
Other liabilities	(28,671)
Funds held for and due from others	4,586,459
Net cash used by operating activities	<u><u>\$ (143,437,923)</u></u>

**NONCASH TRANSACTIONS**

Gifts of capital assets reducing proceeds of capital grants and gifts	<u><u>\$ 4,329,760</u></u>
Net change in capital grants and gifts receivable and unearned revenues	<u><u>\$ 1,602,090</u></u>
Transfer of capital lease debt to USC Development Foundation	<u><u>\$ (11,939,522)</u></u>
Loss on disposal of capital assets, net	<u><u>\$ (12,488,694)</u></u>
Change in value of other assets for cash surrender value of life insurance recognized in endowment income	<u><u>\$ 126,320</u></u>
Change in value of investments recognized in endowment and investment income	<u><u>\$ 195,321</u></u>

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Governmental Discretely Presented Component Units**  
**Statements of Net Position**  
**As of June 30, 2017**

	South Carolina Research Foundation	School of Medicine Educational Trust	Beaufort- Jasper Higher Education Commission	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 300,484	\$ 27,268,400	\$ 4,887,448	\$ 32,456,332
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	124,178,860	5,223,468	500,000	129,902,328
Investments	-	8,971,457	1,449,896	10,421,353
Patient and other accounts receivable, net	5,115,045	12,749,754	946,554	18,811,353
Prepaid items and deposits	48,038	-	69,117	117,155
Total current assets	<u>129,642,427</u>	<u>54,213,079</u>	<u>7,853,015</u>	<u>191,708,521</u>
Noncurrent assets				
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	99,021	9,197,217	50,357,934	59,654,172
Investments	-	543,810	-	543,810
Total noncurrent assets	<u>99,021</u>	<u>9,741,027</u>	<u>50,357,934</u>	<u>60,197,982</u>
Total assets	<u>129,741,448</u>	<u>63,954,106</u>	<u>58,210,949</u>	<u>251,906,503</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Deferred loss on debt refunding	-	-	700,660	700,660
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	21,531,322	13,730,245	704,514	35,966,081
Retainage payable	-	-	427,698	427,698
Accrued compensated balances	-	1,400,503	21,000	1,421,503
Unearned revenue	107,771,281	-	-	107,771,281
Current portion of long term debt	-	3,993,584	2,227,884	6,221,468
Total current liabilities	<u>129,302,603</u>	<u>19,124,332</u>	<u>3,381,096</u>	<u>151,808,031</u>
Noncurrent liabilities				
Noncurrent portion of long term debt	-	206,355	39,553,065	39,759,420
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>206,355</u>	<u>39,553,065</u>	<u>39,759,420</u>
Total liabilities	<u>129,302,603</u>	<u>19,330,687</u>	<u>42,934,161</u>	<u>191,567,451</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>				
Net investment in capital assets	99,021	6,507,702	8,579,363	15,186,086
Restricted for capital projects and debt service	-	-	500,000	500,000
Unrestricted	339,824	38,115,717	6,898,085	45,353,626
Total net position	<u>\$ 438,845</u>	<u>\$ 44,623,419</u>	<u>\$ 15,977,448</u>	<u>\$ 61,039,712</u>

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Governmental Discretely Presented Component Units**  
**Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position**  
**For the year ended June 30, 2017**

	South Carolina Research Foundation	School of Medicine Educational Trust	Beaufort- Jasper Higher Education Commission	Total
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Operating revenues				
Contracts and grants	\$ 78,025,163	\$ 35,723,684	\$ -	\$ 113,748,847
Patient charges, net of allowances	-	36,111,510	-	36,111,510
Management fees and recoveries	3,480,901	-	-	3,480,901
Realized investment income, net	-	804,357	-	804,357
Housing	-	-	5,964,515	5,964,515
Dining	-	-	2,805,607	2,805,607
Other operating revenues	173,837	8,715,325	87,091	8,976,253
Total operating revenues	<u>81,679,901</u>	<u>81,354,876</u>	<u>8,857,213</u>	<u>171,891,990</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Operating expenses				
Salaries and administrative expenses	980,901	51,368,250	621,717	52,970,868
Services and supplies	1,226,549	25,347,991	3,970,642	30,545,182
Research and development direct costs	79,631,528	-	-	79,631,528
Depreciation and amortization	-	1,620,919	1,533,741	3,154,660
Total operating expenses	<u>81,838,978</u>	<u>78,337,160</u>	<u>6,126,100</u>	<u>166,302,238</u>
Operating income (loss)	(159,077)	3,017,716	2,731,113	5,589,752
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>				
Private gifts and donations	(4,821)	-	(3,578,631)	(3,583,452)
Interest and investment income	13,396	-	13,768	27,164
Unrealized gain (loss) on investment holdings, net	-	307,027	-	307,027
County appropriations	-	-	2,005,000	2,005,000
Interest on capital asset debt	-	-	(720,823)	(720,823)
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	-	-	404,929	404,929
Net nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>8,575</u>	<u>307,027</u>	<u>(1,875,757)</u>	<u>(1,560,155)</u>
Change in net position	(150,502)	3,324,743	855,356	4,029,597
<b>NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>589,347</u>	<u>41,298,676</u>	<u>15,122,092</u>	<u>57,010,115</u>
<b>NET POSITION, END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$ 438,845</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 44,623,419</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,977,448</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 61,039,712</u></u>

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Non-Governmental Discretely Presented Component Units**  
**Statements of Financial Position**  
**June 30, 2017**

	University of South Carolina Development Foundation	University of South Carolina Educational Foundation	University of South Carolina Business Partnership Foundation	Greater University of South Carolina Alumni Association	USC Upstate Foundation	USC Upstate Capital Development Foundation	Educational Foundation of the University of South Carolina Lancaster	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,842,435	\$ 10,796,406	\$ 3,270,311	\$ 1,791,744	\$ 231,720	\$ 48,798	\$ 81,812	\$ 27,063,226
Investments	27,957,496	435,128,763	88,630,979	8,499,888	10,083,736	-	8,861,511	579,162,373
Real estate held for investment	36,301,926	868,527	-	-	-	-	-	37,170,453
Assets held in trust	-	28,012,548	4,173,456	-	197,782	-	-	32,383,786
Accounts receivable, net	1,275,141	12,126,424	914,371	1,910,595	-	190,862	-	16,417,393
Contributions receivable, net	2,016,194	38,517,150	1,819,214	-	1,755,936	-	77,815	44,186,309
Prepaid expenses	32,085	-	55,701	197,265	-	-	-	285,051
Other assets	963,517	251	57,002	41,355	-	-	-	1,062,125
Fixed assets, net of depreciation	154,432,157	37,131	-	21,872,490	27,300	-	7,732,430	184,101,508
Total assets	<u>\$ 233,820,951</u>	<u>\$ 525,487,200</u>	<u>\$ 98,921,034</u>	<u>\$ 34,313,337</u>	<u>\$ 12,296,474</u>	<u>\$ 239,660</u>	<u>\$ 16,753,568</u>	<u>\$ 921,832,224</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>								
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 3,651,483	\$ 9,679,094	\$ 1,101,838	\$ 305,967	\$ 5,453	\$ -	\$ 211,569	\$ 14,955,404
Lines of credit	55,411,843	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,411,843
Deferred revenues	4,239,618	-	-	378,663	-	-	-	4,618,281
Bonds and notes payable	130,629,596	8,952,360	-	20,933,004	1,750,000	164,757	3,755,150	166,184,867
Interest rate swap	4,581,414	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,581,414
Other liabilities	35,044	8,809,923	-	-	113,866	-	-	8,958,833
Total liabilities	<u>198,548,998</u>	<u>27,441,377</u>	<u>1,101,838</u>	<u>21,617,634</u>	<u>1,869,319</u>	<u>164,757</u>	<u>3,966,719</u>	<u>254,710,642</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>								
Unrestricted	12,508,204	102,743,387	45,532,475	1,374,832	916,360	74,903	4,795,711	167,945,872
Temporarily restricted	19,584,164	111,089,042	21,451,374	11,320,871	2,986,119	-	2,375,274	168,806,844
Permanently restricted	3,365,928	284,213,394	30,835,347	-	6,524,676	-	5,615,864	330,555,209
Total Foundation net assets	<u>35,458,296</u>	<u>498,045,823</u>	<u>97,819,196</u>	<u>12,695,703</u>	<u>10,427,155</u>	<u>74,903</u>	<u>12,786,849</u>	<u>667,307,925</u>
Noncontrolling interest	(186,343)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(186,343)
Total net assets	<u>35,271,953</u>	<u>498,045,823</u>	<u>97,819,196</u>	<u>12,695,703</u>	<u>10,427,155</u>	<u>74,903</u>	<u>12,786,849</u>	<u>667,121,582</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 233,820,951</u>	<u>\$ 525,487,200</u>	<u>\$ 98,921,034</u>	<u>\$ 34,313,337</u>	<u>\$ 12,296,474</u>	<u>\$ 239,660</u>	<u>\$ 16,753,568</u>	<u>\$ 921,832,224</u>

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Non-Governmental Discretely Presented Component Units**  
**Statements of Activities**  
**For the year ended June 30, 2017**

	University of South Carolina Development Foundation	University of South Carolina Educational Foundation	University of South Carolina Business Partnership Foundation	Greater University of South Carolina Alumni Association	USC Upstate Foundation	USC Upstate Capital Development Foundation	Educational Foundation of the University of South Carolina Lancaster	Total
<b>CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>								
Revenues, gains and other support								
Contributions	\$ 1,584,112	\$ 48,518,194	\$ 570,399	\$ 1,690,647	\$ 188,663	\$ -	\$ 656,692	\$ 53,208,707
Investment returns	4,558,231	3,452,425	2,329,427	119,949	105,144	9,382	130,543	10,705,101
Net realized and unrealized gains	-	18,402,693	-	875,007	804,319	-	-	20,082,019
Earned income	16,349,318	-	2,981,352	1,140,070	3,385	-	-	20,474,125
Other	792,171	1,399,102	-	1,659,372	105,227	-	51,520	4,007,392
Net assets released from restrictions:								
Transfers	-	-	29,962,627	-	-	-	62,532	30,025,159
Reclassification based on law change	-	-	62,478	-	-	-	-	62,478
Satisfaction of program restrictions	6,957,679	10,421,120	2,516,865	1,728,482	956,478	-	65,476	22,646,100
Expiration of time restrictions	-	8,276,032	-	-	-	-	-	8,276,032
Total revenues, gains and other support	30,241,511	90,469,566	38,423,148	7,213,527	2,163,216	9,382	966,763	169,487,113
Expenses								
Scholarships and student assistance	-	11,632,566	1,338,351	302,000	141,892	-	181,404	13,596,213
Program services	21,479,072	35,866,520	5,392,630	2,493,659	302,600	-	703,485	66,237,966
Supporting services	4,510,428	4,845,337	533,898	1,257,100	719,390	-	121,843	11,987,996
Other expenses	-	-	-	2,151,363	99,873	18,713	-	2,269,949
Total expenses	25,989,500	52,344,423	7,264,879	6,204,122	1,263,755	18,713	1,006,732	94,092,124
Excess revenues over (under) expenses	4,252,011	38,125,143	31,158,269	1,009,405	899,461	(9,331)	(39,969)	75,394,989
Interest rate swap fair value adjustment	5,169,213	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,169,213
Change in unrestricted net assets	\$ 9,421,224	\$ 38,125,143	\$ 31,158,269	\$ 1,009,405	\$ 899,461	\$ (9,331)	\$ (39,969)	\$ 80,564,202

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Non-Governmental Discretely Presented Component Units**  
**Statements of Activities**  
**For the year ended June 30, 2017**

	University of South Carolina Development Foundation	University of South Carolina Educational Foundation	University of South Carolina Business Partnership Foundation	Greater University of South Carolina Alumni Association	USC Upstate Foundation	USC Upstate Capital Development Foundation	Educational Foundation of the University of South Carolina Lancaster	Total
<b>CHANGES IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>								
Contributions	\$ 1,208,478	\$ 2,995,996	\$ 399,539	\$ 523,329	\$ 727,535	\$ -	\$ (42,290)	\$ 5,812,587
Investment returns	341,921	3,115,782	6,040,740	-	4	-	914,183	10,412,630
Net realized and unrealized gains	-	27,282,570	-	-	-	-	-	27,282,570
Other	1,200	-	-	238,238	(54,287)	-	-	185,151
Net assets released from restrictions:								
Transfers	-	-	(31,612,627)	-	-	-	(187,160)	(31,799,787)
Reclassification based on law change	-	-	(62,478)	-	-	-	-	(62,478)
Satisfaction of program restrictions	(6,957,679)	(55,064,442)	(2,516,865)	(1,728,482)	(956,478)	-	(65,476)	(67,289,422)
Expiration of time restrictions	-	(8,454,333)	-	-	-	-	-	(8,454,333)
Change in temporarily restricted net assets	(5,406,080)	(30,124,427)	(27,751,691)	(966,915)	(283,226)	-	619,257	(63,913,082)
<b>CHANGES IN PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>								
Contributions	-	14,185,191	738,902	-	161,750	-	81,170	15,167,013
Net assets released from restrictions:								
Transfers	-	-	1,650,000	-	-	-	124,628	1,774,628
Satisfaction of program restrictions	-	44,643,322	-	-	-	-	-	44,643,322
Expiration of time restrictions	-	178,301	-	-	-	-	-	178,301
Change in permanently restricted net assets	-	59,006,814	2,388,902	-	161,750	-	205,798	61,763,264
Change in net assets	4,015,144	67,007,530	5,795,480	42,490	777,985	(9,331)	785,086	78,414,384
Net change attributable to noncontrolling interest	(125,881)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(125,881)
<b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS ORIGINALLY STATED</b>	31,569,033	431,038,293	92,023,716	12,653,213	9,731,345	84,234	12,001,763	589,101,597
Restatement	-	-	-	-	(82,175)	-	-	(82,175)
<b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS RESTATED</b>	31,569,033	431,038,293	92,023,716	12,653,213	9,649,170	84,234	12,001,763	589,019,422
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 35,458,296</b>	<b>\$ 498,045,823</b>	<b>\$ 97,819,196</b>	<b>\$ 12,695,703</b>	<b>\$ 10,427,155</b>	<b>\$ 74,903</b>	<b>\$ 12,786,849</b>	<b>\$ 667,307,925</b>



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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Nature of Operations** - The University of South Carolina (the University) is a State-supported, coeducational institution of higher education. The University's primary purpose is to provide undergraduate, graduate, and professional education to students and conduct research and other activities that advance fundamental knowledge.

**Reporting Entity** - The financial reporting entity, as defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification Section 2100, *Defining the Financial Reporting Entity*, consists of the primary government, organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion could cause the financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. GASB Codification Section 2600, *Reporting Entity and Component Unit Presentation and Disclosure*, provides criteria for determining whether certain organizations should be reported as component units based on the nature and significance of their relationship with a primary government and classifies reporting requirements for those organizations. Based on these criteria, the financial statements include the University as the primary government and other related entities as discretely presented component units. The University's discretely presented component units are discussed in Note 11.

The University is composed of the Columbia campus, including the Columbia School of Medicine, the Greenville School of Medicine, and seven system campuses. The University is a component unit of the State of South Carolina (the State). As a discretely presented component unit of the State, the University is financially accountable to and fiscally dependent on the State. Its Board of Trustees is appointed by the Governor and/or the General Assembly of the State.

**Financial Statements** - The financial statement presentation for the University meets the requirements of GASB Codification Sections 2100-2900, *Financial Reporting*, and Co5, *Colleges and Universities*. The financial statement presentation provides a comprehensive, entity-wide perspective of the University's net position, revenues, expenses and changes in net position and cash flows.

**Use of Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and affect disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Significant estimates used include separation of accrued compensated absences between current and noncurrent and depreciation expense. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Basis of Accounting** - For financial reporting purposes, the University is considered to be engaged only in business-type activities. Accordingly, the University's financial statements have been presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when an obligation has been incurred. Student tuition and auxiliary enterprise fees are presented net of scholarships and fellowships applied to student accounts, while stipends and other payments made directly are presented as scholarship and fellowship expenses. All significant intra-agency transactions have been eliminated.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents** - For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the University considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The University participates in the State's internal cash management pool, administered by the State Treasurer. Because the cash management pool operates as a demand deposit account, amounts invested in the pool are classified as cash and cash equivalents. For credit risk information pertaining to the cash management pool, see the deposits disclosures in Note 2.

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued**

The State's internal cash management pool consists of a general deposit account and several special deposit accounts. The State records each fund's equity interest in the general deposit account; however, all earnings on that account are credited to the General Fund of the State. The University reports its deposits in the general deposit account at cost and its special deposit accounts at fair value. Interest earned, including interest income, realized gains (losses) and unrealized gains (losses), by the University's special deposit accounts is posted at the end of each month based on the percentage of the University's accumulated daily income receivable to the total income receivable of the pool. Realized gains and losses are allocated daily and are included in the accumulated income receivable. Unrealized gains and losses are allocated at year end based on the percentage of ownership in the pool.

**Investments** - The University accounts for its investments at fair value in accordance with GASB Codification Section 150, *Investments*. Changes in unrealized gain (loss) on the carrying value of investments are reported as a component of investment or endowment income in the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position.

**Accounts Receivable** - Accounts receivable consists of tuition and fee charges to students and auxiliary enterprise services provided to students, faculty and staff. Accounts receivable also include amounts due from the Federal, State, and local governments, or private sources, in connection with reimbursement of allowable expenditures made pursuant to the University's grants and contracts. Accounts receivable are recorded net of estimated uncollectible amounts.

**Inventories** - Inventories are carried at the lower of cost or market as determined by various methods.

**Noncurrent Cash and Investments** - Noncurrent cash and investments primarily consist of permanently endowed funds, debt service reserve funds and federal student loan funds. These funds are externally restricted and are classified as restricted noncurrent assets in the statement of net position.

**Prepaid Items** - Expenditures for services paid for in the current or prior fiscal years and benefiting more than one accounting period are allocated among accounting periods. Amounts reported in this asset account consist primarily of maintenance, license and service agreements, and travel reservations and deposits.

**Capital Assets** - Capital assets are recorded at cost at the date of acquisition or fair market value at the date of donation in the case of gifts. The University follows capitalization guidelines established by the State. All land is capitalized, regardless of cost. Qualifying improvements that rest in or on the land itself are recorded as depreciable land improvements. Major additions and renovations and other improvements that add to the usable space, prepare existing buildings for new uses, or extend the useful life of an existing building are capitalized. The University capitalizes movable personal property with a unit value in excess of \$5,000 and a useful life in excess of two years and depreciable land improvements, buildings and improvements, and intangible assets costing in excess of \$100,000. Routine repairs and maintenance and library materials, except individual items costing in excess of \$5,000, are charged to operating expenses in the year in which the expense was incurred.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally 3 to 60 years for buildings and improvements and land improvements; 2 to 25 years for machinery, equipment, and vehicles; and 3 to 10 years for intangibles. A full month of depreciation is taken the month the asset is placed in service and no depreciation is taken in the month of disposition.

The University capitalizes as a component of construction in progress interest cost in excess of earnings on invested debt proceeds associated with the capital projects. Therefore, asset values in capital assets include such interest costs. Capitalized interest for fiscal year 2017 was \$4,393,861.

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued**

**Unearned Revenues and Deposits** - Unearned revenues include amounts billed for tuition and fees and certain auxiliary activities (including, but not limited to, athletic ticket sales and parking revenues) prior to the end of the fiscal year but related to the subsequent accounting period. Unearned revenues also include amounts received from grant and contract sponsors that have not yet been earned.

Deposits represent dormitory room deposits, security deposits for possible room damage and key loss, and other miscellaneous deposits. Student deposits are recognized as revenue during the semester for which the fee is applicable and earned when the deposit is nonrefundable to the student under the forfeit terms of the agreement.

**Compensated Absences** - Employee vacation pay expense is accrued at year-end for financial statement purposes. The liability and expense incurred are recorded at year-end as accrued compensated absences in the statement of net position, and as a component of compensation and benefit expense in the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position.

**Noncurrent Liabilities** - Noncurrent liabilities include (1) principal amounts of bonds payable, notes payable, and capital lease obligations with contractual maturities greater than one year; (2) estimated amounts for accrued compensated absences and other liabilities that will not be paid within the next fiscal year; (3) net pension liability; and (4) other liabilities that, although payable within one year, are to be paid from funds that are classified as noncurrent assets.

**Deferred Outflows of Resources** - The consumption of net position that is applicable to future reporting periods. The University's deferred outflows of resources consist of (1) deferred loss on debt refunding – the defeasance of previously outstanding bonds resulted in deferred refunding losses. These deferred losses are recognized as a component of interest expense over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter; (2) net pension liability - decreases in net pension liability that were not included in pension expense. Also, employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date of the net pension liability are reported as deferred outflows of resources.

**Deferred Inflows of Resources** - The acquisition of net position that is applicable to future reporting periods. The University's deferred inflows of resources consist of increases in the net pension liability that were not included in pension expense.

**Net Position** - Components of the University's net position are classified as follows:

*Net investment in capital assets:* This represents the University's total investment in capital assets, net of outstanding debt obligations related to those capital assets. To the extent debt has been incurred but not yet expended for capital assets, such amounts are not included as a component of net investment in capital assets.

*Restricted - nonexpendable:* The restricted nonexpendable component of net position consists of endowment and similar type funds in which donors or other outside sources have stipulated, as a condition of the gift instrument, that the principal is to be maintained inviolate and in perpetuity, and invested for the purpose of producing present and future income, which may either be expended or added to principal.

*Restricted - expendable:* The restricted expendable component of net position includes resources which the University is legally or contractually obligated to spend in accordance with restrictions imposed by external third parties.

*Unrestricted:* The unrestricted component of net position represents resources derived from student tuition and fees, sales and services of educational departments and auxiliary enterprises. These resources are used for transactions relating to the educational and general operations of the University, and may be used at the discretion of the governing board to meet current expenses for any purpose.

The University policy for applying expenses that can use both restricted and unrestricted resources is delegated to the departmental administrative level. General practice is to first apply the expense to restricted resources then to unrestricted resources.

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued**

***Income Taxes*** - The University is a political subdivision of the State and, is therefore, generally exempt from federal and state income taxes under applicable federal and state statutes and regulations on related income. Certain activities of the University may be subject to taxation as unrelated business income.

***Classification of Revenues*** - The University has classified its revenues as either operating or nonoperating revenues according to the following criteria:

*Operating revenues:* Operating revenues generally result from exchange transactions to provide goods or services related to the University's principal ongoing operations.

These revenues include:

- (1) student tuition and fees received in exchange for providing educational services, housing, and other related services to students;
- (2) receipts for scholarships including federal grants and contract revenue where the governmental agency has identified the qualified student recipients;
- (3) fees received from organizations and individuals in exchange for miscellaneous goods and services provided by the University; and
- (4) grants and contracts that are essentially the same as contracts for services that finance programs the University would not otherwise undertake.

*Nonoperating revenues:* Nonoperating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of nonexchange transactions. These revenues include gifts and contributions, appropriations, investment income, and any grants and contracts that are not classified as operating revenue or restricted by the grantor to be used exclusively for capital purposes.

***Scholarship Discounts and Allowances*** - Student tuition and fee revenues, and certain other revenues from students, are reported with related scholarship discounts and allowances in the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position. Scholarship discounts and allowances are the difference between the stated charge for goods and services provided by the University, and the amount that is paid by students and/or third parties making payments on the students' behalf.

Certain governmental grants, such as Pell grants, and other federal, state or nongovernmental programs, are recorded as either operating or nonoperating revenues in the University's financial statements.

To the extent that revenues from such programs are used to satisfy tuition and fees and other student charges, the University has recorded a scholarship discount and allowance.

***Rebatable Arbitrage*** - Arbitrage involves the investment of proceeds from the sale of tax-exempt securities in a taxable investment that yields a higher rate of return, resulting in income in excess of interest costs. Federal law requires entities to rebate to the government such income on tax-exempt debt if the yield from these earnings exceeds the effective yield on the related tax-exempt debt issued.

Governmental units that issue no more than \$5 million in total of all such debt in a calendar year are exempt from the rebate requirements. For this purpose, tax-exempt indebtedness includes bonds and certain capital leases and installment purchases. Rebates are payable every five years or at maturity of the debt, whichever is earlier. However, the potential liability is calculated annually for financial reporting purposes. The University had no rebatable arbitrage liability at June 30, 2017.

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued**

**Donor-Restricted Endowments** - Endowments are subject to restrictions requiring that the principal be invested and that only the income be used for specific purposes. If a donor has not provided specific timing instructions, state law permits the Board of Trustees to authorize for expenditure the endowment's net appreciation. Any net appreciation that is spent is required to be spent for the purpose for which the endowment was established. The University has a total return policy for authorizing and spending endowment income.

At June 30, 2017, \$15,849,425 of the amount reported as *net position, restricted expendable - scholarships, research, instruction and other*, represented cumulative net appreciation of donor-restricted endowments.

**NOTE 2 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, OTHER DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS**

Most deposits and investments of the University are under the control of the State Treasurer who, by law, has sole authority for investing State funds. Certain deposits and investments are deposited with or managed by financial institutions and brokers as restricted by donors.

The following schedule reconciles deposits and investments within the notes to the statement of net position amounts:

<b>Statement of Net Position</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents (current)	\$ 472,910,757
Restricted cash and cash equivalents (current) for:	
Debt service	8,509,223
Scholarship, research, instruction, and other	35,710,527
University administered loans	209,617
Capital projects	155,799,942
	<u>200,229,309</u>
Restricted cash and cash equivalents (noncurrent) for:	
Endowments	79,225,525
Federal student loans	2,471,707
Debt service reserves	7,668,906
	<u>89,366,138</u>
Investments (noncurrent)	<u>5,441,087</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 767,947,291</u></b>
 <b>Notes</b>	
Cash on hand	2,469,391
Deposits held by State Treasurer	759,718,833
Other deposits	317,980
Investments held by State Treasurer	3,656,476
Other investments	1,784,611
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 767,947,291</u></b>

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**NOTE 2 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, OTHER DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS, Continued**

***Deposits Held by State Treasurer*** - State law requires full collateralization of all State Treasurer bank balances. The State Treasurer must correct any deficiencies in collateral within seven days. Information pertaining to the reported amounts, fair values, and credit risk of the State Treasurer's deposits is disclosed in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the State of South Carolina.

With respect to the investments in the State's internal cash management pool, all of the State Treasurer's investments are insured or registered or are investments for which the securities are held by the State or its agents in the State's name. Information pertaining to the reported amounts, fair values, and the credit risk of the State Treasurer's investments is disclosed in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the State of South Carolina. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, \$4,984,462 of the \$759,718,833 identified in the preceding schedule as "Deposits held by State Treasurer" is attributable to unrealized appreciation.

The University has adopted applicable accounting standards for its financial assets and liabilities which clarify that fair value is an exit price, representing the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The University utilizes market data or assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. The standards establish a three tier fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value. These tiers include: Level 1, defined as observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets; Level 2, defined as inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are either directly or indirectly observable; and Level 3, defined as unobservable inputs about which little or no market data exists, therefore requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions. The University's investments consist of \$1,206,891 Level 1 assets, \$257,787 Level 2 assets, and \$319,933 Level 3 assets. The investment assets held in the State's cash management pool are all Level 2 assets.

***Other Deposits*** - The University's other deposits at year-end were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or were fully collateralized by securities held by the pledging bank's trust department.

***Investments Held by State Treasurer and Other Investments*** - The University's investments include common stock held by the State Treasurer for the University.

The University has other investments which are managed by financial institutions or brokers as specified by the donors. Purchased investments are valued at fair value. Investments received from donors are valued at the lesser of their fair value on the date promised or received or fair value as of fiscal year-end.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the University will not be able to recover the value of the investments or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party.

The University does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Other investments totaling \$1,784,611 were collateralized by securities held by the pledging bank's trust department but not in the University's name.

The net change in unrealized appreciation of investments for the current fiscal year was \$195,321.

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**NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES**

***Accounts Receivable*** – Accounts receivable consisted of the following:

Student	\$ 11,798,519
Auxiliary enterprises	10,266,284
Federal grants and contracts	31,533,350
State grants and contracts	13,364,928
Local grants and contracts	328,541
Non-governmental grants and contracts	7,119,200
Accrued interest	1,101,621
	<hr/> 75,512,443
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	<hr/> (2,734,769)
<b>Accounts receivable, net</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 72,777,674</u></u></b>

Allowances for doubtful accounts are based upon actual losses experienced in prior years and evaluations of the current accounts.

***Student Loans Receivable and Federal Loan Liability*** - Student loans made through the Federal Perkins and the Federal Nursing and Health Professions loan programs comprise substantially all of the student loans receivable, and are restricted for such loans. The loan programs provide various repayment options: students have the right to repay the loans over periods up to 10 years depending on the amount of the loan and loan cancellation privileges the student may exercise.

The amount reported as a federal loan liability is the amount of federal contributions and net earnings on the loans that would have to be repaid to the federal government if the University ceased to participate in the programs.

As the University determines that loans are uncollectible, the loans can be assigned to the federal agency administering the loan programs.

***Capital Improvement Bonds Proceeds Receivable*** - This amount represents outstanding state capital improvement and infrastructure bond fund proceeds, and capital reserve fund appropriations that have been expended but not yet drawn.

The State has authorized capital improvement bonds, research infrastructure bonds, university infrastructure bonds and capital reserve fund appropriations to fund improvements and expansion of state facilities. The University is not obligated to repay these funds to the State. Authorized funds can be requested once the State authorities have given approval to begin specific projects and project expenditures have been incurred.

At June 30, 2017 the University had no capital improvement bond proceeds receivable.

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**NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land and improvements	\$ 79,919,429	\$ 2,355,593	\$ -	\$ 82,275,022
Construction in progress	112,551,070	79,306,760	117,141,926	74,715,904
Works of art and historical treasures	34,750,704	2,529,313	-	37,280,017
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>227,221,203</u>	<u>84,191,666</u>	<u>117,141,926</u>	<u>194,270,943</u>
Other capital assets				
Land improvements	108,768,787	1,652,594	-	110,421,381
Buildings and improvements	1,640,729,414	112,763,668	31,027,892	1,722,465,190
Machinery, equipment and other	197,814,026	18,513,973	5,620,704	210,707,295
Vehicles	18,248,274	1,320,692	811,840	18,757,126
Intangibles	62,336,154	1,406,605	71,367	63,671,392
Total capital assets at historical cost	<u>2,027,896,655</u>	<u>135,657,532</u>	<u>37,531,803</u>	<u>2,126,022,384</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for				
Land improvements	35,930,841	4,109,904	-	40,040,745
Buildings and improvements	680,677,586	41,280,768	6,683,777	715,274,577
Machinery, equipment and other	151,955,982	11,664,484	3,673,217	159,947,249
Vehicles	12,465,498	1,129,724	801,506	12,793,716
Intangibles	18,975,269	7,287,992	29,064	26,234,197
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>900,005,176</u>	<u>65,472,872</u>	<u>11,187,564</u>	<u>954,290,484</u>
Other capital assets, net	<u>1,127,891,479</u>	<u>70,184,660</u>	<u>26,344,239</u>	<u>1,171,731,900</u>
Capital assets, net	<u><u>\$ 1,355,112,682</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 154,376,326</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 143,486,165</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,366,002,843</u></u>

See Note 8 – Capital Leases for further information on capital asset reductions.



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**NOTE 5 - PENSION PLANS**

The South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA), which was created July 1, 2012, administers the various retirement systems and retirement programs managed by its Retirement Division. PEBA has an 11-member Board of Directors, appointed by the Governor and General Assembly leadership, which serves as co-trustee and co-fiduciary of the systems and the trust funds. By law, the Budget and Control Board, which consists of five elected officials, also reviews certain PEBA Board decisions regarding the funding of the Systems and serves as a co-trustee of the Systems in conducting that review.

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Systems and additions to/deductions from the Systems fiduciary net position have been determined on the accrual basis of accounting as they are reported by the Systems in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). For this purpose, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. Benefit and refund expenses are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan. Investments are reported at fair value.

PEBA issues a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) containing financial statements and required supplementary information for the South Carolina Retirement Systems' Pension Trust Funds. The CAFR is publically available through the Retirement Benefits' link on PEBA's website at [www.peba.gov](http://www.peba.gov), or a copy may be obtained by submitting a request to PEBA, PO Box 11960, Columbia, SC 29211-1960. PEBA is considered a division of the primary government of the state of South Carolina and therefore, retirement trust fund financial information is also included in the comprehensive annual financial report of the State.

***Plan Description***

*The South Carolina Retirement System (SCRS)*, a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, was established effective July 1, 1945, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-1-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other benefits for employees of the state, its public school districts, and political subdivisions.

*The State Optional Retirement Program (ORP)* is a defined contribution plan that is offered as an alternative to SCRS to certain newly hired state, public school, and higher education employees. State ORP participants direct the investment of their funds into a plan administered by one of four investment providers.

*The South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System (PORS)*, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, was established effective July 1, 1962, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-11-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other benefits for police officers and firemen of the state and its political subdivisions.

***Membership*** - Membership requirements are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. A brief summary of the requirements under each system is presented below.

**SCRS** – Generally, all employees of covered employers, such as the University, are required to participate in and contribute to the system as a condition of employment. This plan covers general employees and teachers and individuals newly elected to the South Carolina General Assembly beginning with the November 2012 general election. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership prior to July 1, 2012 is a Class II member. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership on or after July 1, 2012 is a Class III member.

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**NOTE 5 - PENSION PLANS, Continued**

ORP – As an alternative to membership in SCRS, newly hired state, public school, and higher education employees and individuals newly elected to the S.C. General Assembly beginning with the November 2012 general election have the option to participate in the State Optional Retirement Program (State ORP), which is a defined contribution plan. State ORP participants direct the investment of their funds into a plan administered by one of four investment providers. PEBA assumes no liability for State ORP benefits. Rather, the benefits are the liability of the investment providers. For this reason, State ORP programs are not part of the retirement systems' trust funds for financial statement purposes. Employee and Employer contributions to the State ORP are at the same rates as SCRS. A direct remittance is required from the employers to the member's account with investment providers for the employee contribution (8.66 percent) and a portion of the employer contribution (5.00 percent). A direct remittance is also required to SCRS for the remaining portion of the employer contribution (6.41 percent) and an incidental death benefit contribution (0.15 percent), if applicable, which is retained by SCRS.

PORS – To be eligible for PORS membership, an employee must be required by the terms of his employment, by election or appointment, to preserve public order, protect life and property, and detect crimes in the state; to prevent and control property destruction by fire; or to serve as a peace officer employed by the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile Justice, or the Department of Mental Health. Probate judges and coroners may elect membership in PORS. Magistrates are required to participate in PORS for service as a magistrate. PORS members, other than magistrates and probate judges, must also earn at least \$2,000 per year and devote at least 1,600 hours per year to this work, unless exempted by statute. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership prior to July 1, 2012 is a Class II member. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership on or after July 1, 2012 is a Class III member.

**Benefits-** Benefit terms are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. PEBA does not have the authority to establish or amend benefit terms without a legislative change in the code of laws. Key elements of the benefit calculation include the benefit multiplier, years of services, and average final compensation. A brief summary of benefit terms for each system is presented below.

SCRS – A Class II member who has separated from service with at least five or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 65 or with 28 years of credited service regardless of age. A member may elect early retirement with reduced pension benefits payable at age 55 with 25 years of service credit. A Class III member who has separated from service with at least eight or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension upon satisfying the Rule of 90 requirement that the total of the member's age and the member's creditable service equals at least 90 years. Both Class II and Class III members are eligible to receive a reduced deferred annuity at age 60 if they satisfy the five- or eight-year earned service requirement, respectively.

The benefit formula for full benefits effective since July 1, 1989 for the SCRS is 1.82 percent of an employee's average final compensation (AFC) multiplied by the number of years of credited service. For Class II members, AFC is the average annual earnable compensation during 12 consecutive quarters and includes an amount for up to 45 days termination pay at retirement for unused annual leave. For Class III members, AFC is the average annual earnable compensation during 20 consecutive quarters and termination pay for unused annual leave at retirement is not included. An incidental death benefit is also available to beneficiaries of active and retired members.

The annual retirement allowance of eligible retirees or their surviving annuitants is increased by the lesser of one percent or five hundred dollars every July 1. Only those annuitants in receipt of a benefit on July 1 the preceding year are eligible to receive the increase. Members who retire under the early retirement provisions at age 55 with 25 years of service are not eligible for the benefit adjustment until the second July 1 after reaching the age 60 or the second July 1 after the date they would have had 28 years of service credit had they not retired.

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PORS – A Class II member who has separated from service with at least five or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 55 or with 25 years of credited service regardless of age. A Class III member who has separated from service with at least eight or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 55 or with 27 years of credited service regardless of age. Both Class II and Class III members are eligible to receive a deferred annuity at age 55 with five or eight years of earned service, respectively. An incidental death benefit is also available to beneficiaries of active and retired members. Accidental death benefits are also provided upon the death of an active member working for a covered employer whose death was a natural and proximate result of an injury incurred while in the performance of duty.

The retirement allowance of eligible retirees or their surviving annuitants is increased by the lesser of one percent or five hundred dollars every July 1. Only those annuitants in receipt of a benefit on July 1 of the preceding year are eligible to receive the increase.

Disability annuity benefits are available to Class II members if they have permanent incapacity to perform regular duties of the member's job and they have at least 5 years of earned service (this requirement does not apply if the disability is a result of a job related injury). Class III members can apply for disability annuity benefits provided they have a permanent incapacity to perform the regular duties of the member's job and they have a minimum of eight years of credited service. For disability applications received after December 31, 2013, a member of SCRS will have to be approved for disability benefits from the Social Security Administration in order to be eligible for SCRS disability retirement benefits. An incidental death benefit equal to an employee's annual rate of compensation is payable upon the death of an active employee with a minimum of one year of credited service or to a working retired contributing member. There is no service requirement for death resulting from actual performance of duties for an active member. For eligible retired members, a lump-sum payment is made to the retiree's beneficiary of up to \$6,000 based on years of service at retirement.

**Contributions** - Contributions are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. Upon recommendation by the actuary in the annual actuarial valuation, the PEBA Board may adopt and present to the Budget and Control Board for approval an increase in the SCRS and PORS employer and employee contribution rates, but any such increase may not result in a differential between the employee and total employer contribution rate that exceeds 2.9 percent of earnable compensation for SCRS and 5 percent for PORS. An increase in the contribution rates adopted by the Board may not provide for an increase of more than one-half of one percent in any one year. If the scheduled employee and employer contributions provided in statute or the rates last adopted by the Board are insufficient to maintain a thirty year amortization schedule of the unfunded liabilities of the plans, the Board shall increase the contribution rates in equal percentage amounts for the employer and employee as necessary to maintain the thirty- year amortization period; and, this increase is not limited to one-half of one percent per year.

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Required **employee** contribution rates for fiscal year 2016-2017 are as follows:

**SCRS**

Employee Class II	8.66% of earnable compensation
Employee Class III	8.66% of earnable compensation

**ORP**

8.66% of earnable compensation

**PORS**

Employee Class II	9.24% of earnable compensation
Employee Class III	9.24% of earnable compensation

Required **employer** contribution rates<sup>1</sup> for fiscal year 2016-2017 are as follows:

**SCRS**

Employer Class II	11.41% of earnable compensation
Employer Class III	11.41% of earnable compensation
Employer Incidental Death Benefit	0.15% of earnable compensation

**ORP**

Employer Contribution <sup>2</sup>	11.41% of earnable compensation
Employer Incidental Death Benefit	0.15% of earnable compensation

**PORS**

Employer Class II	13.84% of earnable compensation
Employer Class III	13.84% of earnable compensation
Employer Incidental Death Benefit	0.20% of earnable compensation
Employer Accidental Death Program	0.20% of earnable compensation

<sup>1</sup> Calculated on earnable compensation as defined in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

<sup>2</sup> Of this employer contribution, 5% of earnable compensation must be remitted by the employer directly to the ORP vendor to be allocated to the member's account with the remainder of the employer contribution remitted to the SCRS.

Of the ORP employer contribution of 11.41% of earnable compensation, 5% of earnable compensation must be remitted by the employer directly to the ORP vendor to be allocated to the member's account with the remainder of the employer contribution remitted to SCRS.

SCRS - The University's actual retirement and incidental death program contributions to the SCRS for the years ended June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 were:

Fiscal Year <u>Ended</u>	<u>Retirement</u>		<u>Incidental Death</u>	
	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Contribution</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Contribution</u>
2017	11.410%	\$31,955,000	0.150%	\$420,000
2016	10.910%	\$29,302,000	0.150%	\$403,000
2015	10.750%	\$28,671,000	0.150%	\$400,000

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PORS - The University's actual retirement, incidental death program and accidental death program contributions to the PORS for the years ended June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 were:

Fiscal Year Ended	Retirement		Incidental Death		Accidental Death	
	Rate	Contribution	Rate	Contribution	Rate	Contribution
2017	13.840%	\$1,016,000	0.200%	\$14,600	0.200%	\$14,600
2016	13.340%	\$886,000	0.200%	\$13,300	0.200%	\$13,300
2015	13.010%	\$850,000	0.200%	\$13,100	0.200%	\$13,100

For fiscal year 2017, total contributions requirements to the ORP were \$28,278,000 (excluding the surcharge) from the University as employer and approximately \$21,463,000 from its employees as plan members.

**Teacher and Employee Retention Incentive** - Effective January 1, 2001, Section 9-1-2210 of the South Carolina Code of Laws allows employees eligible for service retirement to participate in the Teacher and Employee Retention Incentive (TERI) Program. TERI participants may retire and begin accumulating retirement benefits on a deferred basis without terminating employment for up to five years.

Upon termination of employment or at the end of the TERI period, whichever is earlier, participants will begin receiving monthly service retirement benefits which will include any cost of living adjustments granted during the TERI period. Because participants are considered retired during the TERI period, they do not earn service credit, and are ineligible to receive group life insurance benefits or disability retirement benefits. The TERI program will end effective June 30, 2018 and a member's participation may not continue after this date. TERI participants and retired contributing members are eligible for the increased death benefit equal to their annual salary in lieu of the standard retired member benefit.

**Net Pension Liability** - At June 30, 2017, the University reported liabilities of \$866,637,424 and \$13,108,096 for its proportionate share of the SCRS and PORS net pension liability, respectively. The net pension liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liabilities used to calculate the net pension liabilities were determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The University's proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities were based on the University's long-term share of contributions to the pension plans relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2016, the University's proportionate shares of the SCRS and PORS plans were 4.057192% and 0.516784%.

**Pension Expense** - For the year ended June 30, 2017, the University recognized pension expense of \$77,157,354 and \$1,415,968 for SCRS and PORS, respectively.

**Deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources** - At June 30, 2017, the University reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources for each of the respective plans:

**South Carolina Retirement System**

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 9,022,748	\$ 941,152
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	72,909,974	-
Changes in proportion and differences between University contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	3,606,158
University contributions subsequent to the measurement date	48,557,480	-
Total	<u>\$ 130,490,202</u>	<u>\$ 4,547,310</u>

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**Police Officers Retirement System**

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 194,499	\$ -
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,486,342	-
Changes in proportion and differences between University contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	157,869
University contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,038,286	-
Total	<u>\$ 2,719,127</u>	<u>\$ 157,869</u>

The \$48,557,480 and \$1,038,286 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from University contributions subsequent to the measurement date for the SCRS and PORS plans, respectively, during the year ended June 30, 2017 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liabilities in the year ending June 30, 2018.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows for the SCRS and PORS plans, respectively:

	<u>SCRS</u>
Year ended June 30:	
2018	(18,776,804)
2019	(14,081,094)
2020	(28,184,644)
2021	(16,342,870)
	<u>\$ (77,385,412)</u>

	<u>PORS</u>
Year ended June 30:	
2018	(330,775)
2019	(320,916)
2020	(550,962)
2021	(320,319)
	<u>\$ (1,522,972)</u>

**Actuarial Assumptions and Methods** - Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and future salary increases. Actuarial assumptions and methods used during the annual valuation process are subject to periodic revision, typically with an experience study, as actual results over an extended period of time are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

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South Carolina state statute requires that an actuarial experience study be completed at least once in each five-year period. An experience report on the Systems was most recently issued July 1, 2015. As a result of the experience study, the actuary recommended adjustments to the actuarial assumptions, which included salary increase, payroll growth, mortality, retirement, terminations, refunds, disability, inflation, and asset valuation method. The experience study also recommended reducing the long-term investment rate of return assumption, which is a prescribed assumption that is set in state statute by the General Assembly from 7.50 to 7.25 percent. With the exception of the rate of return, all recommended assumption and method changes were adopted by both the PEBA Board and SFAA, as co-fiduciaries. The General Assembly did not change the assumed annual rate of return during the 2016 legislative session so that assumption currently remains at 7.50 percent. The newly adopted assumptions and methods will be first used to perform the July 1, 2016, actuarial valuation, the results of which will be used in determining the total pension liability as of the June 30, 2017, measurement date.

The June 30, 2016, total pension liability, net pension liability, and sensitivity information were determined by PEBA's consulting actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company (GRS) and are based on the July 1, 2015, actuarial valuations, as adopted by the PEBA Board and Budget and Control Board which utilized membership data as of July 1, 2015. The total pension liability was rolled-forward from the valuation date to the plan's fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, using generally accepted actuarial principles. Information included in the following schedules is based on the certification provided by GRS.

The following table provides a summary of the actuarial assumptions and methods used in the July 1, 2015 valuations for SCRS and PORS.

	<b>SCRS</b>	<b>PORS</b>
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal	Entry age normal
Investment rate of return	7.5%	7.5%
Projected salary increases	3.5% to 12.5% (varies by service) <sup>1</sup>	4.0% to 10.0% (varies by service) <sup>1</sup>
Benefit adjustments	lesser of 1% or \$500 annually	lesser of 1% or \$500 annually

<sup>1</sup> Includes inflation at 2.75%

The post-retiree mortality assumption is dependent upon the member's job category and gender. This assumption includes base rates which are automatically adjusted for future improvement in mortality using published Scale AA projected from the year 2000. Assumptions used in the July 1, 2015 valuations for SCRS and PORS are as follows.

<b>Former Job Class</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>
Educators	RP-2000 Males (with White Collar adjustment) multiplied by 110%	RP-2000 Females (with White Collar adjustment) multiplied by 95%
General Employees and Members of the General Assembly	RP-2000 Males multiplied by 100%	RP-2000 Females multiplied by 90%
Public Safety and Firefighters	RP-2000 Males (with Blue Collar adjustment) multiplied by 115%	RP-2000 Females (with Blue Collar adjustment) multiplied by 115%

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**Net Pension Liability** - The net pension liability is calculated separately for each system and represents that particular system's total pension liability determined in accordance with GASB No. 67 less that System's fiduciary net position. As of June 30, 2016, net pension liability amounts for SCRS and PORS are as follows (amounts expressed in thousands):

<b>System</b>	<b>Total Pension Liability</b>	<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>	<b>Employers' Net Pension Liability (Asset)</b>	<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension</b>
SCRS	\$45,356,214,752	\$23,996,362,354	\$21,359,852,398	52.9%
PORS	6,412,510,458	3,876,035,732	2,536,474,726	60.4%

The total pension liability is calculated by the System's actuary, and each plan's fiduciary net position is reported in the System's financial statements. The net pension liability is disclosed in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67 in the System's notes to the financial statements and required supplementary information. Liability calculations performed by the Systems' actuary for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of GASB Nos. 67 and 68 are not applicable for other purposes, such as determining the plans' funding requirements.

**Long Term Expected Rate of Return** - The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments, as used in the July 1, 2015, actuarial valuations, was based upon the 30 year capital market outlook at the end of the fourth quarter 2015. The long-term expected rate of returns represent assumptions developed using an arithmetic building block approach, reflecting observable inflation and interest rate information available in the fixed income markets as well as Consensus Economics forecasts. Long-term assumptions for other asset classes are based on historical results, current market characteristics, and professional judgment.

The expected returns, along with the expected inflation rate, form the basis for the revised target asset allocation beginning January 1, 2016. The long-term expected rate of return is produced by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and is summarized in the table on the following page. For actuarial purposes, the 7.50 percent assumed annual investment rate of return set in statute and used in the calculation of the total pension liability includes a 4.75 percent real rate of return and a 2.75 percent inflation component.



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<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>Expected Arithmetic Real Rate of Return</b>	<b>Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return</b>
<b>Global Equity</b>	<b>43.0%</b>		
Global Public Equity	34.0%	6.52%	2.22%
Private Equity	9.0%	9.30%	0.84%
<b>Real Assets</b>	<b>8.0%</b>		
Real Estate	5.0%	4.32%	0.22%
Commodities	3.0%	4.53%	0.13%
<b>Opportunistic</b>	<b>20.0%</b>		
GTAA/Risk Parity	10.0%	3.90%	0.39%
HF (Low Beta)	10.0%	3.87%	0.39%
<b>Diversified Credit</b>	<b>17.0%</b>		
Mixed Credit	5.0%	3.52%	0.17%
Emerging Markets Debt	5.0%	4.91%	0.25%
Private Debt	7.0%	4.47%	0.31%
<b>Conservative Fixed Income</b>	<b>12.0%</b>		
Core Fixed Income	10.0%	1.72%	0.17%
Cash and Short Duration (Net)	2.0%	0.71%	0.01%
Total Expected Real Return	100.0%		5.10%
Inflation for Actuarial Purposes			2.75%
Total Expected Nominal Return			7.85%

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.50 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that the funding policy specified in the South Carolina State Code of Laws will remain unchanged in future years. Based on those assumptions, each System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**Sensitivity Analysis** - The following table presents the collective net pension liability of the University calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, as well as what the University's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1.00 percent lower (6.50 percent) or 1.00 percent higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate.

<b>Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate</b>			
<b>System</b>	<b>1.00% Decrease (6.5%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (7.5%)</b>	<b>1.00% Increase (8.5%)</b>
SCRS	\$1,081,075,440	\$866,637,424	\$688,080,309
PORS	17,179,282	13,108,096	9,449,371

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***Additional Financial and Actuarial Information*** - Detailed information regarding the fiduciary net position of the plans administered by PEBA is available in the Systems' audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 (including the unmodified audit opinion on the financial statements). Additional actuarial information is available in the accounting and financial reporting actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016.

***Deferred Compensation Plans*** - Several optional deferred compensation plans are available to State employees and employers of its political subdivisions. Certain employees of the University have elected to participate. The multiple-employer plans, created under Internal Revenue Code Sections 457, 401(k), and 403(b), are administered by third parties and are not included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the State of South Carolina. Compensation deferred under the plans is placed in trust for the contributing employee. The State has no liability for losses under the plans. Employees may withdraw the current value of their contributions when they terminate State employment. Employees may also withdraw contributions prior to termination if they meet requirements specified by the applicable plan.

**NOTE 6 - POSTEMPLOYMENT AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

***Plan Description*** - In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws and the annual Appropriations Act, the State provides post-employment health and dental and long-term disability benefits to retired State and school district employees and their covered dependents. The University contributes to the South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund (SCRHITF) and the South Carolina Long-Term Disability Insurance Trust Fund (SCLTDITF), cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit postemployment healthcare, and long-term disability plans administered by the Insurance Benefits Division (IB), a part of the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA). Generally, retirees are eligible for the health and dental benefits if they have established at least ten years of retirement service credit. For new hires beginning employment May 2, 2008 and after, retirees are eligible for benefits if they have established 25 years of service for 100% employer funding and 15 through 24 years of service for 50% employer funding. Benefits become effective when the former employee retires under a State retirement system. Basic Long-Term Disability (BLTD) benefits are provided to active state, public school district, and participating local government employees approved for disability.

***Funding Policies*** - Section 1-11-710 of the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, as amended, requires these postemployment and long-term disability benefits be funded through annual appropriations by the General Assembly for active employees to the IB and participating retirees to the PEBA, except for the portion funded through the pension surcharge and provided from the other applicable sources of the IB, for its active employees who are not funded by State General Fund appropriations. Employers participating in the Retiree Medical Plan are mandated by State statute to contribute at a rate assessed each year by the Office of the State Budget, 5.33% of annual covered payroll for 2017 and 5.33% of annual covered payroll for 2016. The IB sets the employer contribution rate based on a pay-as-you-go basis. The University paid approximately \$28,528,000 and \$27,002,000 applicable to the surcharge included with the employer contribution for retirement benefits for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. BLTD benefits are funded through a person's premium charged to State agencies, public school districts, and other participating local governments. The monthly premium per active employee paid to IB was \$3.22 for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016. The University recorded employer contributions expenses applicable to these insurance benefits for active employees in the amount of approximately \$266,000 and \$255,000 for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Effective May 1, 2008 the State established two trust funds through Act 195 for the purpose of funding and accounting for the employer costs of retiree health and dental insurance benefits and long-term disability insurance benefits. The SCRHITF is primarily funded through the payroll surcharge. Other sources of funding include additional State appropriated dollars, accumulated IB reserves, and income generated from investments. The SCLTDITF is primarily funded through investment income and employer contributions.

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In June 2015, the GASB approved a pair of related Statements that reflect substantial changes to the accounting and financial reporting of other postemployment benefits (OPEB) by state and local governments. Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans* applies to benefit plans, and Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* applies to employers that provide those benefits to their employees. Statement No. 75 is effective for employers beginning fiscal year 2018. Employers covered through the state's OPEB will recognize a proportionate share of the state's unfunded liability. OPEB accounting requirements will parallel the new pension requirements that employers implemented in fiscal year 2015.

One may obtain a copy of the complete financial statements for the benefit plans and the trust funds from PEBA Retirement Benefits and Insurance Benefits, 202 Arbor Lake Drive, Suite 360, Columbia, SC 29223.

**NOTE 7 - CONTINGENCIES, LITIGATION, AND PROJECT COMMITMENTS**

The University is party to various lawsuits arising out of the normal conduct of its operations. In the opinion of University management, there are no material claims or lawsuits against the University that are not covered by insurance or whose settlement would materially affect the University's financial position.

The University participates in certain Federal grant programs. These programs are subject to financial and compliance audits by the grantor or its representative. Such audits could lead to requests for reimbursement to the grantor agency for expenditures disallowed under terms of the grant. Management believes disallowances, if any, will not be material.

The University had outstanding commitments under construction contracts of \$84,783,502 for capital and \$12,011,004 for noncapital projects. The University anticipates funding these projects out of current resources, current and future bond issues, private gifts, student fees, and state capital improvement bond proceeds.

**NOTE 8 - LEASE OBLIGATIONS**

The future minimum lease payments for noncancelable operating leases are as follows:

2018	5,607,570
2019	3,054,426
2020	2,308,244
2021	2,025,381
2022	1,881,580
2023-2027	8,677,711
2028-2032	1,617,500
2033-2036	677,250
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Total minimum lease payments	<b><u>\$ 25,849,662</u></b>

The preceding payment schedule relates to noncancelable operating leases having remaining terms of more than one year and expiring in various fiscal years from 2017-2036. These noncancelable operating leases include agreements between the University and third party vendors as well as other State agencies and related parties. Certain operating leases provide for renewal options at their fair rental value at the end of their lease term. Total real property operating lease payments were \$6,516,684 for fiscal year 2017. Of this amount, \$566,517 was paid to other State agencies. In the current fiscal year, the University incurred expenses of \$981,696 for office copier contingent rentals on a cost per copy basis.

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The University also has a 35 year operating lease agreement for two city blocks of parking surrounding the Colonial Life Arena for \$100,000 per year. In accordance with the terms of the lease, in fiscal year 2003, the University paid \$3,500,000, representing rent due for the entire term. As of June 30, 2017, the remaining unamortized prepaid balance related to the parking lease agreement was \$2,000,000 with \$100,000 reflected as a current asset.

***Capital Leases***

Buildings, land, and equipment held by the University under capital leases as of June 30, 2017:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Depreciation</u>	<u>Net</u>
Buildings	\$ 393,703	\$ 300,282	\$ 93,421
Land	245,000	-	245,000
Equipment	548,000	216,917	331,083

The future minimum capital lease obligations and the net present value of the minimum capital lease payments are as follows:

2018	\$ 196,302
2019	176,585
2020	<u>39,000</u>
Total minimum lease payments	411,887
Less amount representing interest	<u>(16,193)</u>
<b>Present value of minimum lease payments by year</b>	<b><u>\$ 395,694</u></b>

Capital lease obligations consist of:

Agreement with USC Upstate Foundation for land and building, dated February 2010, payable in monthly principal payments of \$6,500, with a fixed interest rate of 4.11%. This agreement expires in December 2019.

\$ 185,015

Agreement with Hewlett Packard payable in monthly principal payments of \$9,859 with a fixed interest rate of 3.05%. This agreement expires in April 2019.

210,679

**Present value of minimum lease payments by lease**

**\$ 395,694**

On February 21, 2017, the University of South Carolina Development Foundation (the Foundation) purchased the Horizon and Discovery Garages (the Garages) from the University. As a part of the purchase, the Foundation assumed operations of the Garages and paid off the University's related capital lease obligations of approximately \$11,940,000. The net book value of the Garages was approximately \$24,344,000 and the sale resulted in a loss of approximately \$12,404,000 on the disposal of capital assets for the University. In addition, the University's net advances for the Garages totaling approximately \$7,286,000 were not reimbursed as part of the transaction.

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**NOTE 9 - BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE**

***Bonds Payable*** – Bonds payable consisted of the following:

	Original Debt	Interest Rates (Outstanding)	Maturity Dates	June 30, 2017 Balance	Debt Retired in Fiscal Year 2017
<b>State Institution Bonds</b>					
Series 2009B	\$ 8,550,000	3% to 5%	04/01/29	\$ 5,715,000	\$ 375,000
Series 2011A Refunding	20,085,000	3.5% to 5%	03/01/22	10,805,000	1,905,000
Series 2011E	23,955,000	3% to 5%	03/01/31	18,625,000	945,000
Series 2012A Refunding	21,475,000	2.5% to 5%	04/01/24	9,120,000	1,185,000
Series 2014A	15,190,000	3% to 5%	04/01/34	13,585,000	520,000
Series 2015A	56,725,000	2% to 5%	04/01/35	52,705,000	1,880,000
Series 2015B Refunding	30,625,000	4% to 5%	04/01/26	28,105,000	2,520,000
<b>Total State Institution Bonds</b>				<b>138,660,000</b>	<b>9,330,000</b>
<b>Revenue Bonds</b>					
Series 2008A	64,335,000	4%	06/01/38	1,535,000	53,910,000
Series 2008A Athletic	27,395,000	4%	05/01/38	705,000	24,720,000
Series 2009A	28,920,000	3.5%	06/01/39	675,000	24,165,000
Series 2010A	28,510,000	3.125% to 5%	06/01/40	24,595,000	620,000
Series 2010A Athletic	65,855,000	4% to 5%	05/01/40	57,825,000	1,365,000
Series 2010B Refunding Athletic	12,840,000	4% to 5%	05/01/27	9,500,000	660,000
Series 2012	61,945,000	3.5% to 5%	05/01/35	58,000,000	2,000,000
Series 2012 Refunding	28,110,000	4% to 5%	05/01/34	23,125,000	1,315,000
Series 2012A Athletic	13,580,000	2.5% to 4%	05/01/42	12,160,000	305,000
Series 2012B Refunding Athletic	6,350,000	3.5%	05/01/32	6,350,000	-
Series 2013	37,185,000	3% to 5%	05/01/43	34,310,000	880,000
Series 2015A Athletic	38,270,000	3% to 5%	05/01/45	37,015,000	665,000
Series 2015	48,175,000	3.5% to 5%	05/01/35	44,760,000	2,630,000
Series 2016 Refunding	67,820,000	4% to 5%	05/01/39	67,820,000	-
Series 2016A Refunding Athletic	22,400,000	4% to 5%	05/01/38	22,400,000	-
Series 2017A Athletic	40,325,000	4% to 5%	05/01/47	40,325,000	-
<b>Total Revenue Bonds</b>				<b>441,100,000</b>	<b>113,235,000</b>
Subtotal bonds payable				579,760,000	122,565,000
Plus unamortized bond premiums				67,827,645	3,116,556
Less unamortized bond discounts				(542,090)	(28,745)
<b>Total Bonds Payable</b>				<b>\$ 647,045,555</b>	<b>\$ 125,652,811</b>

State institution bonds are general obligation bonds of the State backed by the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the State. Tuition revenue is pledged for the payment of principal and interest on state institution bonds. The legal debt margin for state institution bonds shall not exceed ninety percent of tuition fees received from the preceding fiscal year for the University as a whole.

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**NOTE 9 - BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE, Continued**

Tuition fees used to calculate the University's debt service limit on bond indebtedness for the preceding year were \$31,863,973, which results in a legal annual debt service limit at June 30, 2017 of \$28,677,576. The annual debt service payments for the fiscal year were \$15,790,225. Tuition revenue pledged in fiscal year 2017 was \$32,252,569 for state institution bonds.

General revenue bonds are payable from a pledge of net revenues derived by the University from the operation of the facilities constructed with the bond proceeds. General revenue bonds may also be payable from a pledge of additional funds. Additional funds are all available funds and academic fees of the University which are not (i) otherwise designated or restricted; (ii) funds derived from appropriations; and (iii) tuition funds pledged to the repayment of state institution bonds. Pledged net revenues for general revenue bonds in fiscal year 2017 were \$21,656,544.

Athletic facilities revenue bonds are payable from a pledge of net revenues of the athletic department, gross receipts of a special admission fee to facilities and a special student fee as authorized by the governing board. Pledged revenues for athletic facilities revenue bonds in fiscal year 2017 were \$1,778,416 of special student fees, \$3,831,578 of special admission fees and \$4,902,754 of athletic department revenues.

The University believes it is in compliance with all related bond covenants of its issued debt.

On July 1, 2016 the University issued \$67,820,000 in Higher Education Revenue Refunding bonds to partially refund Series 2008A and Series 2009A Revenue bonds with a final maturity between June 1, 2038 and June 1, 2039 callable on May 1, 2026. The refunding transaction resulted in a deferred loss on refunding of \$6,668,460, an aggregate debt payment reduction of \$18,011,204 over the next 23 years and an economic gain of \$14,334,527.

On July 1, 2016, on behalf of the Athletic Department, the University issued \$22,400,000 in Athletic Facilities Revenue Refunding bonds to partially refund Series 2008A Athletic Revenue bonds with a final maturity of May 1, 2038 callable on May 1, 2018. The refunding transaction resulted in a deferred loss on refunding of \$2,252,061, and aggregate debt payment reduction of \$6,781,485 over the next 22 years and an economic gain of \$5,475,387.

On March 1, 2017, on behalf of the Athletic Department, the University issued \$40,325,000 in Athletic Facilities Revenue bonds for the construction of the Football Operations Building. The bonds have coupons ranging from 4.0% to 5% and a maturity date of May 1, 2047.

Subsequent to June 30, 2017, the University issued \$39,450,000 in State Institution bonds for renovations to the former law school. The bonds have coupons ranging from 2.625% to 5.0% with a maturity date of June 30, 2037 and a call date of October 1, 2027.

Subsequent to June 30, 2017 two bond issuances took place that resulted in significant savings to the University. On September 14, 2017, the University issued \$20,840,000 in Higher Education Refunding Revenue bonds to partially refund Series 2010A Revenue bonds and \$46,990,000 in Athletic Refunding Revenue bonds to partially refund Series 2010A and Series 2010B Athletic Revenue bonds. These transactions resulted in present value savings of \$7,500,000 that will be realized in the form of annual cash flow savings ranging from \$154,000 to \$1,400,000 per year through 2040.

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The scheduled maturities of the University bonds payable by type are as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>State Institution Bonds</b>			
2018	\$ 9,725,000	\$ 6,056,875	\$ 15,781,875
2019	10,105,000	5,643,725	15,748,725
2020	10,590,000	5,144,400	15,734,400
2021	10,990,000	4,716,875	15,706,875
2022	11,525,000	4,171,625	15,696,625
2023-2027	42,875,000	13,582,006	56,457,006
2028-2032	29,275,000	5,316,831	34,591,831
2033-2035	13,575,000	879,869	14,454,869
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 138,660,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 45,512,206</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 184,172,206</u></b>
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Revenue Bonds</b>			
2018	\$ 15,010,000	\$ 20,692,388	\$ 35,702,388
2019	14,990,000	20,072,013	35,062,013
2020	15,700,000	19,368,413	35,068,413
2021	16,125,000	18,593,713	34,718,713
2022	16,900,000	17,820,106	34,720,106
2023-2027	94,720,000	76,177,994	170,897,994
2028-2032	101,415,000	52,926,881	154,341,881
2033-2037	94,255,000	28,562,531	122,817,531
2038-2042	52,680,000	9,763,763	62,443,763
2043-2047	19,305,000	1,999,438	21,304,438
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 441,100,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 265,977,240</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 707,077,240</u></b>

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**NOTE 9 - BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE, Continued**

**Notes Payable** – Notes payable consisted of the following:

Note payable to acquire energy savings equipment and lighting retrofit, dated December 2008, payable in annual installments of \$51,251 subject to amount drawn at any given time, matures April 2020, fixed interest rate of 3.00%.

\$ 144,674

The scheduled maturities of the notes payable are as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018	\$ 46,910	\$ 4,340	\$ 51,250
2019	48,318	2,933	51,251
2020	49,446	1,804	51,250
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 144,674</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 9,077</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 153,751</u></b>

**NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

Long-term liability activity was as follows:

	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>	<u>Long-Term Portion</u>
Bonds Payable:						
State Institution Bonds	\$ 147,990,000	\$ -	\$ 9,330,000	\$ 138,660,000	\$ 9,725,000	\$ 128,935,000
Revenue Bonds	423,790,000	130,545,000	113,235,000	441,100,000	15,010,000	426,090,000
Subtotal Bonds Payable	571,780,000	130,545,000	122,565,000	579,760,000	24,735,000	555,025,000
Unamortized Bond Premiums	48,021,743	22,922,458	3,116,556	67,827,645	5,258,686	62,568,959
Unamortized Bond Discounts	(570,835)	-	(28,745)	(542,090)	(361,490)	(180,600)
Total Bonds Payable	619,230,908	153,467,458	125,652,811	647,045,555	29,632,196	617,413,359
Notes Payable	190,218	-	45,544	144,674	46,910	97,764
<b>Total Bonds and Notes Payable</b>	<b><u>\$ 619,421,126</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 153,467,458</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 125,698,355</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 647,190,229</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 29,679,106</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 617,511,123</u></b>
Capital Lease Obligations	\$ 14,823,745	\$ -	14,428,051	\$ 395,694	\$ 185,194	\$ 210,500
Accrued Compensated Absences	\$ 35,366,771	\$ 25,699,931	\$ 28,521,427	\$ 32,545,275	\$ 22,130,787	\$ 10,414,488

Additional information regarding bonds and notes payable is included in Note 9.



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**NOTE 11 - COMPONENT UNITS**

Certain separately chartered legal entities whose activities are related to those of the University exist primarily to provide financial assistance and other support to the University and its educational program. They include the South Carolina Research Foundation, the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Educational Trust (the Trust), and the Beaufort-Jasper Higher Education Commission, all of which are considered governmental component units. In addition, the University of South Carolina Development Foundation; the University of South Carolina Educational Foundation; the University of South Carolina Business Partnership Foundation; the Greater University of South Carolina Alumni Association; the University of South Carolina Upstate Foundation; the University of South Carolina Upstate Capital Development Foundation; and the Educational Foundation of the University of South Carolina – Lancaster are considered nongovernmental component units because they do not meet the definition of a governmental entity. Because the activities and resources of these entities are significant, provide a direct benefit, and are accessible to the University, they are considered component units of the University and are discretely presented in the University's financial statements accordingly as governmental or non-governmental reporting entities.

Following is a more detailed discussion of each of these entities and a summary of significant transactions (if any) between these entities and the University.

**Governmental Discretely Presented Component Units**

The South Carolina Research Foundation (the Foundation) operates as a supporting organization of the University of South Carolina's teaching, research, and public service missions. It will support research programs of clear relevance to the state and nation. The research areas focus on the environment, new technologies, economic development, health sciences and social issues. The Foundation receives research funding from private sources and also competes for federal funds. The University receives funds for research from the Foundation. In 2013, University and Research Foundation management agreed to administrative process changes that allowed the University to resume its historic role of directly processing new federal grant and contract transactions. The University expects that over the next several years this decision will result in the University processing all federal grant and contract transactions and an equal reduction in the federal grant activities processed by the Research Foundation. Complete financial statements for the Foundation can be obtained at The South Carolina Research Foundation, 202 Osborne Building, USC, Columbia, SC 29208, Attention: Kelly Epting.

The University of South Carolina School of Medicine Educational Trust (the Trust) is organized and operates exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. The Trust is governed by a board consisting of the Dean of the University's School of Medicine, the Chairman of each of the twelve departments of the School of Medicine, as well as other employees of the University School of Medicine. The Trust is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described under Section 501(c)(3).

The Trust is involved in continuing discussions regarding the integration of patient operations with its primary affiliated hospital/healthcare partner. During fiscal year 2015, a new 501(c)(3) entity was formed. The two members are Palmetto Health and the Trust. The new entity's name is Palmetto Health University of South Carolina Medical Group ("PHUSCMG"). Formal Management Service Agreements and other operating agreements and documents were finalized and operational during fiscal year 2017. PHUSCMG provides healthcare services to substantially the same patient and demographic populations as before. Complete financial statements for the Trust can be obtained at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Educational Trust, Post Office Box 413, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, Attention: Jeff Perkins.

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The Beaufort-Jasper Higher Education Commission (the Commission) was created in 1994 by the General Assembly of South Carolina. The Commission's primary purpose is to provide support and encouragement for all undertakings to improve the higher education opportunities for the benefit of the citizens and residents of Beaufort and Jasper Counties. The Commission serves as the liaison between the University of South Carolina Beaufort campus (USC Beaufort) and the Beaufort and Jasper communities as well as the oversight committee for campus residence halls and the student center including the construction and management of those facilities. Complete financial statements for the Commission can be obtained at 1 University Boulevard, Bluffton, SC 29909.

**Non-Governmental Discretely Presented Component Units**

The University of South Carolina Development Foundation (the Foundation) operates exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of the University including, but not limited to, promoting, encouraging, and aiding scientific research and investigation at the University. The University receives funds for rent, the lease of real property and reimbursement for computer and personnel services provided by the University from the Foundation. The University also pays the Foundation for the lease of real property and for research programs. As of June 30, 2017 the Foundation held \$24,713,991 in endowment funds for the University. Complete financial statements for the Foundation can be obtained at USC Foundations, 1027 Barnwell St. Columbia, SC 29208, Attention: Russell Meekins.

The University of South Carolina Educational Foundation (the Foundation) operates for the benefit and support of the University of South Carolina. Its objectives include the establishment and implementation of long-range fundraising programs to assist in the expansion and improvement of the educational functions of the University. The University receives from the Foundation funds for scholarships, awards and stipends to students, faculty and administrative staff; library collections; reimbursement for computer and personnel services provided by the University. As of June 30, 2017 the Foundation held \$364,066,332 in endowment funds for the University. Complete financial statements for the Foundation can be obtained at USC Foundations, 1027 Barnwell St. Columbia, SC 29208, Attention: Russell Meekins.

The University of South Carolina Business Partnership Foundation (the Foundation) was formed to bring together representatives of business and government to assist in conducting conferences, seminars, and management programs to further the education, development and effectiveness of management personnel in the State and region. The University receives funds for scholarships, reimbursement of personnel services, fringe benefits and other administrative costs from the Foundation. Complete financial statements for the Foundation can be obtained at University of South Carolina Business Partnership Foundation 1014 Green Street, Columbia, SC 29208, Attention: Rodney L. Roenfeldt.

The Greater University of South Carolina Alumni Association (the Association) was formed to serve the students after they graduate. The Association's objectives are providing job placement and counseling, communicating the aspirations and needs of the University, helping graduates keep in touch with one another, and providing programs of continuing education. The University receives funds for scholarships from the Association and provides office and meeting space at no cost to the Association. Complete financial statements for the Association can be obtained at 900 Senate Street, Columbia, SC 29201, Attention: Jack Claypoole.

The USC Upstate Foundation (the Foundation) was established to accept gifts for charitable, benevolent, cultural, and education purposes and to provide student housing and other real property for the exclusive use and benefit of the University of South Carolina Upstate. The University receives funds from the Foundation for scholarships and reimbursement for personnel and student housing services provided by the University. Complete financial statements for the Foundation can be obtained at USC Upstate Foundation, 800 University Way, Spartanburg, SC 29303.

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The USC Upstate Capital Development Foundation (the Foundation) was established to accept real property donated to the University of South Carolina Upstate, serve as the purchasing agent for property on behalf of USC Upstate that is integral to the growth of the campus, and to manage property under leasing agreements to the University. Complete financial statements for the Foundation can be obtained at USC Upstate Capital Development Foundation, 800 University Way, Spartanburg, SC 29303.

The Educational Foundation of the University of South Carolina - Lancaster (the Foundation) operates for the benefit and support of the University of South Carolina at Lancaster. Its objectives include the establishment and implementation of long-range fund-raising programs to assist in the expansion and improvement of the educational functions of the University. The University receives from the Foundation funds for scholarships, rent, and reimbursement for computer and personnel services provided by the University. Complete financial statements for the Foundation can be obtained at PO Box 809, Lancaster, SC 29721.

After June 30, 2017, the University of South Carolina Gamecock Club became a component unit of the University. The Gamecock Club operates for the benefit and support of the Athletic Department of the University of South Carolina Columbia campus. Its objectives include the establishment and implementation of long-range fund-raising programs to support athletic scholarships.

Various transactions occur between the University and the component units. A summary of those transactions follows:

**Funds Received from Component Units**

South Carolina Research Foundation	\$ 17,736,470
USC School of Medicine Educational Trust	7,176,654
Beaufort-Jasper Higher Education Commission	3,237,628
USC Development Foundation	7,696,157
USC Educational Foundation	34,714,190
USC Business Partnership Foundation	1,311,139
Greater USC Alumni Association	371,577
USC Upstate Foundation	205,499
Educational Foundation of USC Lancaster	350,106
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 72,799,420</u></b>

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The majority of the South Carolina Research Foundation revenues are recorded by the University as federal grants and contracts revenues and the majority of revenues from the other component units are recorded as private gifts revenue. Federal grants and contracts receivables include \$2,394,905 due from the South Carolina Research Foundation at June 30, 2017.

**Funds Paid to Component Units**

South Carolina Research Foundation	\$ 373,466
USC School of Medicine Educational Trust	5,310,627
Beaufort-Jasper Higher Education Commission	5,562,891
USC Development Foundation	890,915
USC Educational Foundation	419,288
USC Business Partnership Foundation	17,611
Greater USC Alumni Association	1,683,379
USC Upstate Foundation	1,050
USC Upstate Capital Foundation	78,000
Educational Foundation of USC Lancaster	11,869
<b>Total</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 14,349,096</u></u></b>

**NOTE 12 - RELATED PARTIES**

There are several separately chartered legal entities which do not meet the criteria established by GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, and GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*, to be treated as component units of the University. These entities are the local higher education commissions. While they are not financially accountable to the University, these organizations exist primarily to provide financial assistance and other support to the University system campuses and the educational programs. The activities of these entities are not included in the University's financial statements. However, the University's statements for the year ended June 30, 2017 include significant transactions between them and the University which are as follows:

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**NOTE 12 - RELATED PARTIES, Continued**

***Aiken County Commission for Higher Education Commission*** - The Aiken County Commission for Higher Education (the Commission) was created under Act 103 of the 1961 Session of the General Assembly of South Carolina. The Commission is composed of eight members who are appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of a majority of the Aiken County Legislative Delegation. In addition, the Superintendent of Education for Aiken County and the Chair of the Aiken Commission for Technical Education are ex-officio members of the Commission. The Commission's purpose is the establishment and maintenance of an institution of higher education in Aiken County and it is empowered to enter into contracts, make binding agreements, negotiate with educators and educational institutions and generally, to take such actions in its name necessary to secure for Aiken County and adjacent areas the necessary educational facilities to provide higher education. The Commission receives an annual appropriation from Aiken County to accomplish these objectives. During the year ended June 30, 2017, the Commission made grants to the University of South Carolina Aiken (USC Aiken) totaling \$1,575 for professional fee expenses. USC Aiken provides accounting and cash management services to the Commission at no charge, including management of the operating portion of its cash. The Commission leases its land and buildings to USC Aiken for \$1 annually. At June 30, 2017, the Commission had a net position of \$2,163,672.

***Lancaster County Commission for Higher Education*** - The Lancaster County Commission for Higher Education (the Commission) was created under Act 126 of the 1959 Session of the General Assembly of South Carolina. The Commission is composed of seven members who are appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of a majority of the Lancaster County Legislative Delegation, including the Senator. The Commission's purpose is the encouragement of higher education in Lancaster and adjacent areas and, more specifically, the establishment in Lancaster County of facilities to offer standard freshman and sophomore college courses, and such other courses as deemed desirable. The Commission is empowered to enter into contracts, make binding agreements, negotiate with educators and educational institutions and, generally, take such actions in its name as are necessary to secure for Lancaster County and adjacent areas the necessary educational facilities to provide higher education. The Commission receives an annual appropriation from Lancaster County designated specifically for the University of South Carolina Lancaster (USC Lancaster). During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the Commission received an annual appropriation of \$1,598,127. The Commission disbursed \$900,000 to USC Lancaster for operations and maintenance of the physical plant and \$13,201 to vendors for insurance, professional services, and commencement expenses. There was also a \$280,000 disbursement to the Educational Foundation of USC Lancaster for Founders Hall. USC Lancaster provides accounting and cash management services to the Commission at no charge. At June 30, 2017, the Commission had a net position of \$1,198,784.

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***Western Carolina Higher Education Commission*** - The Western Carolina Higher Education Commission (the Commission) was created under Act 270 in the 1984 Session of the General Assembly of South Carolina. The Commission is composed of ten members, two of whom are from each of the following counties: Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Colleton, and Hampton. The members are appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of a majority of the Legislative Delegations from the respective counties. The Commission's purpose is the encouragement of higher education in the respective counties and adjacent areas and, more specifically, the establishment of facilities to offer standard freshman and sophomore college courses, and such other courses as deemed desirable. The Commission is empowered to enter into contracts, make binding agreements, negotiate with educators and educational institutions and, generally, take such actions in its name as are necessary to secure for its respective counties and adjacent areas the necessary educational facilities to provide higher education. The Commission receives an annual appropriation from Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Colleton, and Hampton counties to accomplish these objectives. The Commission paid expenditures on behalf of the University of South Carolina Salkehatchie (USC Salkehatchie) of \$175,263 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The Commission allows the use of its land and buildings to USC Salkehatchie at no cost. USC Salkehatchie provides accounting and cash management services to the Commission at no charge, including management of the operating portion of its cash. At June 30, 2017, the Commission had a net position of \$166,374.

***Mid-Carolina Commission for Higher Education, formerly known as Sumter County Commission for Higher Education*** - The Sumter County Commission for Higher Education was created under Act 50 of the 1965 Session of the General Assembly of South Carolina. In 1996, by an act of the state legislature, the Sumter County Commission for Higher Education was restructured as the Mid-Carolina Commission for Higher Education (the Commission) representing Sumter, Lee, and Clarendon Counties. The nine commission members are appointed by the Governor upon recommendation by the respective county legislative delegations, with one each from Lee and Clarendon Counties, and the remaining seven members from Sumter County. The purpose of the Commission is the encouragement of higher education in Sumter County and adjacent areas and, more specifically, the establishment in Sumter County of facilities to offer standard freshman and sophomore college courses, and such other courses as deemed desirable. The Commission is empowered to enter into contracts, make binding agreements, negotiate with educators and educational institutions and, generally, take such actions in its name as are necessary to secure for its respective counties and adjacent areas the necessary educational facilities to provide higher education. The University of South Carolina Sumter (USC Sumter) operates the Sumter Campus under contract with the Commission at a cost of \$1 annually. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the Commission made payments to USC Sumter totaling \$543,667 for the operation and maintenance of the campus. At June 30, 2017, the Commission had a net position of \$614,855.

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***Union Laurens Commission for Higher Education*** - The Union County Commission for Higher Education was created by Act 23 in the 1965 Session of the General Assembly of South Carolina and was repealed by Act 288 of the 1987 Session of the General Assembly of South Carolina which created the Union Laurens Commission for Higher Education (the Commission). The Commission is composed of nine members, with seven being residents of Union County and two being residents of Laurens County. The members are appointed by the Governor upon recommendation by the Union and Laurens County Legislative Delegations. The Commission is responsible for the encouragement of higher education in Union and Laurens Counties and adjacent areas and, more specifically, the establishment in Union and Laurens Counties of facilities to offer standard freshman and sophomore college courses and those other courses considered desirable. The Commission is empowered to enter into contracts, make binding agreements, negotiate with educators and educational institutions and, generally, take such actions in its name as are necessary to secure for its respective counties and adjacent areas the necessary educational facilities to provide higher education. The Commission receives an annual appropriation from Union and Laurens counties of \$157,431 to accomplish these objectives. During the year ended June 30, 2017, the Commission made grants to the University of South Carolina Union (USC Union) totaling \$175,411 for campus projects and maintenance, rental of facilities, community service and institutional support. The Commission provides its land and buildings to USC Union at no cost. USC Union provides clerical, accounting, and cash management services to the Commission at no charge. At June 30, 2017, the Commission had a net position of \$2,463,636.

***Spartanburg County Commission for Higher Education*** - The Spartanburg County Commission for Higher Education (the Commission) was created under Act 36 of the 1967 Session of the General Assembly of South Carolina. The Commission is composed of seventeen members who are appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of a majority of the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation. The Commission is responsible for the encouragement of higher education in Spartanburg County and adjacent areas and, more specifically, the establishment in Spartanburg County of facilities necessary to provide for an institution of higher education. The Commission is empowered to enter into contracts, make binding agreements, negotiate with educators and educational institutions and, generally, take such actions in its name as are necessary to secure for Spartanburg County and adjacent areas the necessary educational facilities to provide higher education. The Commission receives an annual appropriation from Spartanburg County. During the year ended June 30, 2017, the Commission made grants to the University of South Carolina Upstate (USC Upstate) totaling \$14,000. The Commission paid expenditures on behalf of USC Upstate of \$11,005 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The Commission controls land owned by the County and provides the land to USC Upstate at no cost. USC Upstate provides accounting and record maintenance services to the Commission at no charge. The Commission owns six duplexes, one has a mortgage, located adjacent to campus. These properties are managed by a rental company and are not considered student housing. The proceeds from these rentals are added to the \$331,600 endowment or the operating funds of the Commission. At June 30, 2017, the Commission had a net position of \$991,000.

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**NOTE 13 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The University has implemented a comprehensive Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) and Insurance program across all campuses which incorporates the fundamentals of risk identification, risk assessment, risk treatment, risk monitoring and risk review. Currently, the Columbia campus has established an ERM process using the guidance of International Standards Organization (ISO) 3100-2009 "Risk Management - Principles and Guidelines". ISO provides principles, framework and process for managing any form of risk in a systematic, transparent and credible manner. The ERM and Insurance program is committed to: preventing adverse claim experience through training, education and inspection; advising and assisting university managers in identifying potential risks and losses; advising and assisting university managers in implementing controls to mitigate risks; and procuring appropriate insurance policies. The University mitigates the financial consequences of physical, human, and financial loss by purchasing insurance through the State Budget and Control Board Office of the Insurance Reserve Fund (IRF). As needed, the IRF policies are supplemented by the purchase of policies through the private insurance market. Several sections of the South Carolina Code of Laws authorize and require the State Budget and Control Board, through the IRF, to provide insurance to governmental entities. These statutes in turn require most state entities to purchase insurance through the IRF. These sections include:

**Title 1 - Administration of Government**, Section 1-11-140 - 141. Authority to provide tort liability insurance to governmental entities, their employees, and charitable medical facilities.

**Title 1 - Administration of Government**: Section 1-11-147. Automobile Liability Reinsurance.

**Title 10 - Public Buildings and Property**: Section 10-7-10 through 10-7-40. Authority to insure public buildings and contents.

**Title 10 - Public Buildings and Property**: Section 10-7-12. Authority to purchase reinsurance.

**Title 10 - Public Buildings and Property**: Section 10-7-130. Authority to hold monies paid as premiums for the purpose of paying Insured losses.

**Title 11 - Public Finance**: Section 11-9-75. Debt Collection Procedures.

**Title 15 - Civil Remedies and Procedures**: Section 15-78-10 through 15-78-150. S.C. Governmental Tort Claims Act. Authority to provide liability insurance.

**Title 38 - Insurance**: Section 38-13-190. Requires South Carolina Insurance Department Audits of Insurance Reserve Fund Finance.

**Title 59 - Education**: Section 59-67-710 & 59-67-790. Authority to insure school buses and pupils transported by school bus.

**Title 59 - Education**: Section 59-67-790. Pupil Injury Fund.

The IRF functions as a governmental insurance operation with the mission to provide insurance specifically designed to meet the needs of governmental entities at the lowest possible cost. The IRF operates like an insurance company, by issuing policies, collecting premiums (based on actuarially calculated rates), and by paying claims from the accumulated premiums in accordance with the terms and conditions of the insurance policies it has issued.

All premiums received by the IRF are deposited with the Office of the State Treasurer where the funds are maintained as the IRF Trust Account. By statutory requirement, these funds are to be used to pay claims and operating expenses of the fund. The Office of the State Treasurer is responsible for investing these funds. The costs of settled claims have not exceeded the University's insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

The IRF uses no agents, brokers, or advertising, and does not actively solicit accounts. The lack of a profit motive and the lack of acquisition expenses such as agents' commissions, along with the use of the investment income in rate determination allow the IRF to maintain the lowest possible rate structure. Not all governmental entities elect to purchase their insurance through the IRF. The South Carolina Tort Claims Act allows political subdivisions of the State access to other mechanisms to meet their insurance needs at their discretion. Some entities participate in other self-insurance pools, some purchase commercial insurance, and some elect to self-insure their insurance exposures.



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**NOTE 13 - RISK MANAGEMENT, Continued**

The various types of property insurance policies maintained by the University include: Building and Personal Property, Inland Marine, Data Processing Equipment, Business Interruption and Builders' Risk. Additionally, Risk Management maintains a variety of casualty insurance policies including Automobile and Aircraft Property Damage and Liability, Directors and Officers Liability, General Tort Liability, Cyber Liability, Medical Professional Liability, an Employee Fidelity Bond, and Workers' Compensation.

**NOTE 14 - OPERATING EXPENSES BY FUNCTION**

Operating expenses by functional classification are summarized as follows:

	<b>Salaries and Wages</b>	<b>Fringe Benefits</b>	<b>Services and Supplies</b>	<b>Utilities</b>	<b>Scholarships and Fellowships</b>	<b>Depreciation</b>	<b>Total</b>
Instruction	\$ 284,638,574	\$ 101,879,903	\$ 45,921,277	\$ 90,942	\$ 1,301,667	\$ -	\$ 433,832,363
Research	63,084,722	26,640,818	44,099,714	2,543	1,018,472	-	134,846,269
Public service	34,598,824	11,283,088	17,537,538	27,818	371,817	-	63,819,085
Academic support	42,714,254	16,547,397	29,916,200	22,056	16,618	-	89,216,525
Student services	36,568,158	12,648,002	25,763,821	805,530	170,249	-	75,955,760
Institutional support	55,161,881	18,990,310	19,795,285	137,556	23,013	-	94,108,045
Operation & plant maintenance	28,056,879	11,964,003	56,385,961	22,886,437	40	-	119,293,320
Auxiliary enterprises	58,131,195	15,637,440	53,374,245	10,741,830	1,775,217	-	139,659,927
Scholarships and fellowships	111,184	1,761,126	170,847	-	23,500,380	-	25,543,537
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	65,472,872	65,472,872
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>\$ 603,065,671</b>	<b>\$ 217,352,087</b>	<b>\$ 292,964,888</b>	<b>\$ 34,714,712</b>	<b>\$ 28,177,473</b>	<b>\$ 65,472,872</b>	<b>\$ 1,241,747,703</b>

**NOTE 15 - ENDOWMENTS AND SIMILAR FUNDS**

The University's endowment funds and type consist of the following:

<b>Net Position Classification</b>	<b>True Endowment</b>	<b>Quasi Endowment</b>	<b>Total</b>
Restricted - nonexpendable	\$ 84,983,794	\$ -	\$ 84,983,794
Restricted - expendable			
Scholarships, research, instruction and other	-	1,818,049	1,818,049
Unrestricted	-	70,677,125	70,677,125
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 84,983,794</b>	<b>\$ 72,495,174</b>	<b>\$ 157,478,968</b>

**NOTE 16 – SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

On July 7, 2017, the University of South Carolina was notified by Siemens Product Lifecycle Management Software that it was the recipient of an academic grant for site licenses valued at \$628,883,890. This will be considered a non-capitalized gift-in-kind. The grant will be awarded fiscal years 2018-2022 as follows:

2018	\$162,218,740
2019	116,666,286
2020	116,666,288
2021	116,666,288
2022	116,666,288
	<b><u>\$628,883,890</u></b>

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Schedule of the University's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability**  
**As of June 30**

	SCRS			
	2017	2016	2015	2014
University's proportion of the net pension liability	4.057192%	4.074340%	4.086408%	4.086408%
University's proportionate share of the net pension liability	<u>\$ 866,637,424</u>	<u>\$ 772,745,350</u>	<u>\$ 703,562,633</u>	<u>\$ 732,955,826</u>
University's covered-employee payroll during the measurement period	<u>\$ 266,242,277</u>	<u>\$ 259,539,897</u>	<u>\$ 254,916,138</u>	<u>\$ 250,774,743</u>
University's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	325.51%	297.74%	276.00%	292.28%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	52.91%	56.99%	59.92%	56.39%

	PORS			
	2017	2016	2015	2014
University's proportion of the net pension liability	0.516784%	0.523020%	0.527400%	0.527400%
University's proportionate share of the net pension liability	<u>\$ 13,108,096</u>	<u>\$ 11,399,093</u>	<u>\$ 10,102,838</u>	<u>\$ 10,932,795</u>
University's covered-employee payroll during the measurement period	<u>\$ 6,589,396</u>	<u>\$ 6,497,348</u>	<u>\$ 6,360,804</u>	<u>\$ 5,934,668</u>
University's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	198.93%	175.44%	158.83%	184.22%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	60.44%	64.57%	67.55%	62.98%

\*This schedule is intended to show ten years of comparative data. Additional years will be added to the schedule as they become available.

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Schedule of the University's Contributions**  
**For the Year Ended June 30**

	<b>SCRS</b>			
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 48,557,480	\$ 43,476,291	\$ 41,640,003	\$ 39,325,215
Contributions made to pension plan	48,557,480	43,476,291	41,640,003	39,325,215
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
University's covered employee payroll	\$ 279,360,816	\$ 266,242,277	\$ 259,539,897	\$ 254,916,138
Contributions as a portion of covered employee payroll	17.38%	16.33%	16.04%	15.43%

	<b>PORS</b>			
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,038,286	\$ 905,383	\$ 868,899	\$ 814,472
Contributions made to pension plan	1,038,286	905,383	868,899	814,472
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
University's covered employee payroll	\$ 7,291,336	\$ 6,589,396	\$ 6,497,348	\$ 6,360,804
Contributions as a portion of covered employee payroll	13.74%	13.74%	13.37%	12.80%

\*This schedule is intended to show ten years of comparative data. Additional years will be added to the schedule as they become available.